CHAP. CXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon.* March 3, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to audit and allow the claim of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon, or either of them, for losses and damages sustained by them by the proceedings of the custom-house officers at New York, in exacting from them, upon certain importations of iron into that port, made between the first day of June, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, and the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, higher duties than were required by law, and in seizing and libelling some of said goods upon refusal of said Bates and Lacon to enter the same as subject to such higher duty, and for certain costs of court paid by them and not reimbursed; the sum so allowed to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however*, That no other or greater sum is to be allowed them under this act than will reimburse to them certain costs and expenses actually paid by, and not repaid to them, in the various suits touching said importations, and certain sums paid by them for the storage of the said goods while kept out of their possession, and will indemnify them for the damage they sustained by the detention of the money exacted of them by the collector, over and above the duty required by law; allowing for such detention interest not exceeding the rate of six per centum per annum, from the time it was paid by them until it was refunded.

Claim of Lewis H. Bates and William Lacon to be audited and paid.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1853.

CHAP. CXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of S. Morris Waln.* March 3, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to S. Morris Waln, who survived Henry Percival, lately in partnership under the firm of S. Morris Waln and company, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the amount of duties paid on one hundred and sixty quarter casks, and sixty-two Indian barrels of Malaga wine, imported in December, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in the brig Canning; one hundred and eighty-nine quarter casks of Malaga wine, imported in May, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in the brig Virginia; nine pipes and one quarter cask of Madeira wine, imported in September, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, in the brig Forest; ninety-nine casks of Oporto wine, imported in the brig Elbe, via New York, and re-shipped under bond, per schooner Perseverance, to Philadelphia, in December, eighteen hundred and thirty-three; and seven pipes and seventeen hogsheads of Sicily Madeira wine, imported via Boston, and re-shipped under bond, per brig Echo, to Philadelphia, in June, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, which wines were destroyed in Philadelphia, by fire, while in store in the custody of the custom-house: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be furnished with satisfactory proof that the goods were so destroyed by fire, and were not insured.

Duties to be refunded to S. M. Waln.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1853.

CHAP. CXX.—*An Act for the Relief of James H. Jenkins.* March 3, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby directed to pay to James H. Jenkins, late contractor for carrying the mails, out of any moneys appropriated for the transport-

James H. Jenkins to be paid $3,198.

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