contract executed by said Thomas Butler for the construction of said light-house, on the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXV. — *An Act for the Benefit of Charles J. Porcher, Acting Purser of the Sloop-of-war Falmouth.* Jan. 12, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Charles J. Porcher, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount properly payable to a purser of the rank assigned to a sloop-of-war, for his services as acting purser of the United States sloop-of-war Falmouth, whilst on service in the Pacific Ocean, from the date of the death of Purser William B. Hartwell until the appointment of John Y. Mason, junior, in his stead, to wit, from the twelfth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-nine to the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty, deducting therefrom the amount paid to the said Porcher for the same period as commander's clerk.

Payment to Charles J. Porcher, for services as Purser.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Duer.* Jan. 12, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to audit, settle, and adjust an account of the necessary expenses incurred by William Duer, while consul of the United States at the port of Valparaiso, in Chili, during the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in the support and defence of William N. Stuart, an American citizen, arrested and arraigned before the courts of Chili upon a charge of murder, and for the transportation of said Stuart to the United States after his release, together with an equitable advance upon the amount thus ascertained, for the use of the money during the interval, and pay the same to said William Duer, his heirs or assigns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Account of William Duer to be settled.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Francois Cousin.* Jan. 12, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Francois Cousin be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his title to all those parts of sections twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty-five, and thirty-six, in township eight south, of range twelve east, which are included within the limits of the original claim of the said Francois Cousin, filed before the commissioner to adjust private land claims in Louisiana; also, all that parcel of land described as section forty, in township eight south, of range twelve east, and section thirty-seven, in township eight south, of range thirteen east, all being in the parish of St. Tammany, and State of Louisiana.

Francois Cousin confirmed in a certain land title in Louisiana.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall issue a patent or patents to the said Francois Cousin for the lands above confirmed.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, January 12, 1855.

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