the part of the United States to the said lands, and shall not interfere with adverse valid rights of other persons, if such exist, to any part of the land embraced in the claim and survey aforesaid.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act providing an Increase of Pension to Daniel Waldo, of Onondago county, New York.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior cause the pension of Daniel Waldo, of Onondago county, New York, to be changed on the pension roll from twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents per annum, to eight dollars per month, commencing from the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to continue during his natural life.

Pension of Daniel Waldo to be increased to $8 per month, from March 4, 1831, for life.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to confirm the Title of Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to certain Lands in the State of Louisiana.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby confirmed to Ruhama Whitaker the usufruct title during her natural life, in two certain tracts constituting one body of land on the northwest branch of Thompson's creek, in Louisiana; the one tract of five hundred and sixty arpens having been surveyed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, in the name of Juan Brown; the other, of three hundred and ten arpens, having been surveyed in the year eighteen hundred and six, for Edward O'Connor; and there is hereby relinquished to Rebecca Whitaker the reversionary interest of the United States in fee simple to the said land; and it shall be the duty of the United States surveyor-general to execute a proper survey of the land, according to the evidence accompanying the memorial of the said Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to Congress: *Provided*, however, that the confirmation and relinquishment by this act shall not interfere with any subsisting valid adverse right, if such exist, to the whole or any part of the aforesaid land.

Life-estate in certain land in Louisiana confirmed to Ruhama Whitaker.

Reversion relinquished to Rebecca Whitaker.

Valid adverse rights saved.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones the sum of nine hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for the moneys paid by him to Hall McAllister, Esq., as counsel on the trial of Black and five others for mutiny, before a general naval court-martial on board the sloop-of-war "Warren," in October, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

Capt. T. Ap Catesby Jones to be paid $900.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Rudolf Kussmaul.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of

Rudolf Kussmaul to be placed on pension

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