

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Thursday, the fourth day of July, A. D. 1861, and ended on Tuesday, the sixth day of August, A. D. 1861.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. SOLOMON FOOTE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the eighteenth day of July, and continued so to act until the close of the session. GALUSHA A. GROW, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the United States Sloop-of-war Levant, and for other Purposes.* July 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the pensions, under the existing laws, of the widows and orphan children of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in the United States sloop-of-war Levant, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in the service, shall be allowed, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said sloop-of-war Levant foundered at sea.

The Levant to be deemed as lost June 30, 1861, for certain purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the widow, or child, or children, and in case there shall be no widow, or child, or children, (as aforesaid,) then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said sloop-of-war Levant, including captain's clerk and assistant draughtsman, shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel.

Additional pay to widows and children, &c., of those lost.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Andrew J. Watson, late a purser in the navy, who was lost in the sloop-of-war Levant, with all his accounts and vouchers for expenditures and payments made by him, and with all the money, stores, and supplies procured for the use of said vessel, and to allow him a credit for whatever sum appears to be due from him on the books of the Department.

Accounts of Andrew J. Watson to be settled

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

* This session was called by Proclamation of the President, dated April 15th, 1861. See Proclamation, No. 3, Appendix, *post*, p. 1258.