

twenty-first regiment Wisconsin volunteers, said account amounting to sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, to be paid out of any money which has been, or may hereafter be, appropriated for defraying the expenses of the bureau of said quartermaster-general.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Major N. S. Brenton, a Paymaster in the United States Army.*

\$2,600,000 to be allowed Major N. S. Brenton, in the settlement of his accounts, if, &c.

*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 Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to allow Major N. S. Brenton, on the settlement of his accounts, a credit of two million six hundred thousand dollars for money in his hands as paymaster in the army, on board the steamer Ruth, and destroyed by fire on the night of the fourth of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, "if on examining the evidence by the paymaster-general, he, the said paymaster-general, shall deem him justly entitled to said credit; but such credit shall not be allowed without the said paymaster-general shall certify his approval thereof."

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Sawyer and Others, of the State of Ohio.*

Value of certain lands in Auglaize County, Ohio, to be ascertained, &c.  
Vol. vii. p. 189.

WHEREAS by the treaty of Saint Mary's with the Miami Indians, of October six, eighteen hundred and eighteen, the west half of section number twenty-six, the east half of section number twenty-eight, and section number twenty-seven, lying in the county of Auglaize and State of Ohio, were reserved and granted to Joseph Richardville and Joseph Richardville, junior; and whereas all of said lands have since been sold in several parcels to divers persons by the United States and by the State of Ohio, under and by virtue of a grant from the United States; and whereas, by virtue of a judicial sale upon a judgment rendered against the said Joseph Richardville, junior, survivor and sole heir-at-law of the said Joseph Richardville, senior, the title granted to the said Joseph Richardville, senior, and Joseph Richardville, junior, by said treaty, in all of said lands, has become vested in one Madison Sweetser, the purchaser at said sale; and whereas the said Madison Sweetser has established his title to said lands by sundry judgments in ejectment, recovered in the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of Ohio, against the tenants in possession, holding under titles derived, directly or indirectly, from the United States as aforesaid: Therefore,

*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 hereby is, authorized and required to cause the unimproved value of the said tracts of land to be ascertained, by the valuation and assessment of a commissioner to be appointed by him for that purpose, and which commissioner shall, before he proceeds to the assessment and valuation of the same, take an oath faithfully and impartially to perform his duties as such commissioner. And when the said Secretary of the Interior shall thus ascertain the unimproved value of said lands he shall report the same to the House of Representatives at the earliest practicable moment.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.