

Vol. ix. p. 922. tained by him by reason of his expulsion from that republic in eighteen hundred and forty-five, and if they shall be of opinion that the said claim was a just one against Mexico when the treaty of eighteen hundred and forty-eight was ratified, and was embraced by said treaty, they shall then fix and determine the amount of the same; and that the loss or damage so sustained being adjudicated and determined by said court, the same shall be paid to the said Alexander J. Atocha, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however,* That the amount so to be paid shall in no event exceed the balance of the three and a quarter millions of dollars provided by the fifteenth article of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo for the payment of claims of citizens of the United States against the government of Mexico, which still remains unapplied to that object.

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APPROVED, February 14, 1865.

Feb. 17, 1865.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Almond D. Fisk, deceased.*

Extension of
the patent to
Almond D. Fisk
may be applied
for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Phebe Ann Fisk, as executrix of Almond D. Fisk, deceased, who obtained a patent for a "new and useful improvement in coffins," dated the fourteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, for fourteen years, which has now expired, be authorized to apply to the commissioner of patents for an extension of said patent for seven years, under the rules and regulations now in force for the extension of patents, as if she had made application previous to its expiration, as required by law; and the Commissioner is directed to investigate and decide the application for extension on the same evidence and in the same manner as other applications for extension are decided, notwithstanding the surrender and reissue of March sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty: *Provided,* That the application for extension be made within thirty days from the approval of this act, and the decision of the commissioner be rendered within ninety days from the filing of said application in the patent office: *And provided, also,* That nothing herein shall be so construed as to hold responsible in damages any persons who may have manufactured coffins containing the aforesaid improvements between the expiration of the patent and the approval of this act.

APPROVED, February 17, 1865.

Feb. 20, 1865.

CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Henry A. Brigham.*

Payment to
Henry A. Brig-
ham.

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, directed, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Henry A. Brigham the sum of two thousand dollars, being the amount of his check drawn in favor of the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, on the seventh of November, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

APPROVED, February 20, 1865.

Feb. 23, 1865.

CHAP. LI. — *An Act for the Relief of George A. Schreiner.*

Pension to
George A. Schrei-
ner.

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 George A. Schreiner, of the county of Wyandott, State of Kansas, upon the list of pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, February 23, 1865.