need not make application or swear to specification. 1870, ch. 230, § 33. *Ante*, p. 202.

made and the specification sworn to by the inventor or discoverer, if living, shall not be construed to apply to patents issued and assigned prior to July eight, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Approved, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871

CHAP. CXXXIII. — *An Act to authorize the Restoration of James Belger to the Rank of Major and Quartermaster in the Army.*

James Belger may be restored to the rank of major, &c. in the army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to restore James Belger to the rank of major and quartermaster in the army, to date from the day of his restoration to his said rank under this act.

Approved, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXIV. — *An Act to restore Robert Boyd, junior, to the active List of the Navy of the United States.*

Robert Boyd, junior, may be restored to the active list of the navy as commander.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Robert Boyd, junior, now on the retired list, as a commander on the active list of the navy.

Approved, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

1870, ch. 317. *Post*, p. 659.

CHAP. CXXXV. — *An Act to amend an Act for the Relief of Jearum Atkins, approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy.*

Commissioner of patents may entertain a petition of Jearum Atkins for extension of patent.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the relief of Jearum Atkins," approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: "That the commissioner of patents be, and he hereby is, authorized to entertain and exercise jurisdiction over a petition of Jearum Atkins for the extension of letters-patent granted to him on the twenty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, for a further term of seven years from the day on which such extension may be granted, and to hear and determine upon the said petition in the same manner and with the same effect as if the original term of said patent had not expired, and to grant or refuse such extension upon the same principles that govern his decisions upon such applications when made in due course of law: *Provided*, That before granting any extension upon such petition, the commissioner shall be satisfied that the same will inure to the sole benefit of said Atkins: *And provided further*, That no person shall be held liable for the infringement of said patent, if extended, for making use of said invention since the expiration of the original term of said patent, and prior to the date of its extension."

Provisos.

Approved, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXVI. — *An Act to adjust and fix the Compensation of the Assistants employed in the Library of Congress.*

Pay of assistants in the library of Congress established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assistants employed in the office of the librarian of Congress shall receive the rates of compensation hereinafter provided, commencing with the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one: Three assistant librarians, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; two assistants, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one assistant, at one thousand six hundred dollars; two assistants, at one thousand four hundred and forty dollars

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