district judge for the eastern district of the State of Texas being tendered and accepted by the President of the United States, the salary now received by said judge shall be continued to him during his natural life, payable in the same manner and form as if he actually performed the duties of his office.

to him during his life, upon the tendering and acceptance of his resignation.

Approved, April 5, 1870.

CHAP. XLV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of Alexander I. Atocha," approved fourteenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.*

April 5, 1870.
1865, ch. 36.
Vol. xiii. p. 595.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alexander I. Atocha shall be, and is hereby, authorized, in the prosecution of his claim referred to the court of claims by the act to which this is an amendment, to use such portions of the evidence taken in pursuance of the rules and regulations of the commission established under the fifteenth section of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and laid before said commission, as consists of the evidence of persons since deceased; and the government, in defending against said claim, shall have like rights. And such evidence shall be received by the court, so far as the subject-matter thereof is competent testimony; and the court shall give it such weight as in their judgment under all the circumstances it ought to have.

Alexander I. Atocha may use certain evidence in the prosecution of his claim.

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The government may do the same.

Effect of such testimony.

Approved, April 5, 1870.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of R. P. Parrott.*

April 6, 1870.

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, authorized and directed to pay to R. P. Parrott the sum of twelve thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full payment for building an iron lighthouse at Cape Canaveral, in the State of Florida.

Payment to R. P. Parrott.

Approved, April 6, 1870.

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act to authorize the accounting Officers of the Treasury to adjust the Accounts of Ezra Carter, junior, late Collector of Customs at Portland, Maine.*

April 6, 1870

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 hereby are, authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of Ezra Carter, junior, late collector of customs at Portland, Maine, in which the vouchers have been destroyed by fire, upon equitable principles, and allow such credits as shall seem just and reasonable from the best evidence the nature of the case will admit: *Provided*, That the sum so allowed shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety cents, by reason of the loss and destruction of his vouchers.

Accounts of Ezra Carter, junior, to be adjusted.

Approved, April 6, 1870.

CHAP. L. — *An Act for the Relief of Tobias J. Kindleberger.*

April 6, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Tobias J. Kindleberger, or his assigns, have leave to make application to the commissioner of patents for an extension of the letters-patent, for an improvement in cider mills, issued to said Tobias J. Kindleberger for the term of fourteen years from the twenty-ninth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and reissued August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, in the same manner as if the petition for said

Tobias J. Kindleberger may apply for extension of patent.

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