States, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the court of claims, and the said court is hereby directed to examine the same and determine and adjudge whether any, and if any, what amount is due said trustees for said extra services: *Provided*, That the amount to be awarded by said court shall be upon the basis of the value of carrying other first-class freight of like quantity with the mails actually carried between the same ports at the same time.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXXXIX. — *An Act to remove all legal and political Disabilities from George H. Bier, of Maryland.*

George H. Bier relieved from legal, &c. disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two thirds of each House concurring therein,) That all legal and political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, by reason of participation in the late rebellion, be, and they hereby are, removed from George H. Bier, of Maryland.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCXC. — *An Act for the Relief of William Selden.*

Payment to William Selden.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be paid to William Selden, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, in full for all claim against the United States for the use and occupation of personal and real property by military authority within the District of Columbia in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and thereafter.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCXCI. — *An Act to extend Letters-patent granted to John Bachelder.*

Patent of John Bachelder extended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the letters-patent granted to John Bachelder, dated May eighth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, for an improvement in sewing mechanism, as reissued December twelfth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be, and the same are hereby, extended, for the benefit of the said John Bachelder, his heirs and legal representatives, for seven years, from and after the eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy: *Provided, however*, That said extended patent shall be open to legal inquiry and decision, in the same manner as if issued under the general law relating to patents: *And provided also*, That all persons who have purchased said sewing mechanism since the expiration of said patent may continue to use the said mechanism so purchased, the same as if this act had not passed.

Provisos.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 15, 1870.

CHAP. CCCVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Rittenhouse P. Finck.*

Payment to Rittenhouse P. Finck.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, instructed to pay Rittenhouse P. Finck, out of any *monies* [moneys] heretofore appropriated for the use of the Post-Office Department, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full for all claims upon the United States for services as postal agent.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

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