CHAP. CCCVII. — *An Act to settle the Claim of the Heirs of the late Colonel William Gates, of the United States Army.* July 15, 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 hereby is, authorized to pay the sum of five thousand five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents to Mrs. H. L. Gates, widow of the late Colonel William Gates, of the United States army, who acted as collector of revenue or military contributions, during the late war with Mexico, under the direction of the President of the United States, it being the amount of his share of the proceeds of the sale of the schooner Oregon and cargo, seized and confiscated in April, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, at the port of Tampico, being equal to the share of his deputy, Franklin Chase and others, his subordinates, who, by special acts of Congress, have been allowed and paid their shares of the said vessel and cargo, and that the amount of said claim be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Payment to Mrs. H. L. Gates.

1855, ch. 187. Vol. x. p. 865.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

CHAP. CCCVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Francis M. Strong and Thomas Ross.* July 15, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Francis M. Strong and Thomas Ross have leave to make application to the commissioner of patents for the extension of the letters-patent issued to them for improvement in platform scales, for the term of fourteen years from the fifteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, said letters-patent bearing date the fifteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, in the same manner as if the petition for said extension had been filed at least ninety days before the expiration of said patent; and that the commissioner be authorized to consider and determine said application in the same manner as if it had been filed ninety days before the expiration of said patent.

Francis M. Strong and Thomas Ross may apply for extension of letters-patent.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

CHAP. CCCIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles Steedman, Commodore, United States Navy.* July 15, 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 be authorized, in adjusting the accounts of Commodore Charles Steedman, of the United States navy, for disbursements as paymaster in command of the United States brig Dolphin, to allow and credit him the sum of seven hundred and four dollars and forty-one cents, the amount of debit items from errors, which occurred without fault or neglect on his part.

Credit to be allowed to Commodore Charles Steedman.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

CHAP. CCCX. — *An Act for the Relief of L. F. Larkin, of Weldon, North Carolina.* July 15, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-eight dollars [and] eighty-eight cents, from any sum not otherwise appropriated, be, and hereby is, allowed to L. F. Larkin, postmaster at Weldon, North Carolina, to reimburse him for losses sustained by the robbery of his office of stamps, &c.

Allowance to L. F. Larkin.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

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