CHAP. CCCXVI. — *An Act to remove the legal and political Disabilities of W. C. Whitthorne, of Maury County, Tennessee.* July 15, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all legal and political disabilities be, and are hereby, removed from W. C. Whitthorne, of Maury county, Tennessee. W. C. Whitthorne relieved of legal, &c. disabilities.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

CHAP. CCCXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jearum Atkins.* July 15, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of patents be, and he hereby is, authorized to entertain and exercise jurisdiction over a petition of Jearum Atkins for an extension of letters-patent granted to him on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for a further term of seven years from the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, 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 enure 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.

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

1871, ch. 135. *Ante*, p. 584.

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