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the time prescribed by law, prior to the expiration of said patent, and as if no hearing had ever occurred for such extension: *Provided*, That in case said extension shall be granted no person shall be held liable for damages for infringement of said patent, or for sale or use of said improvement, between the date of the expiration of the original patent and the date of such extension.

Approved, June 10, 1872.

June 10, 1872.

CHAP. CDXL. — *An Act to enable William Sellers and Coleman Sellers to make Application to the Commissioner of Patents for the Extension of Letters-patent for an Improvement in Coupling for Shafting.*

William Sellers and Coleman Sellers may apply for extension of letters-patent.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William Sellers and Coleman Sellers, of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have leave to make application to the commissioner of patents for an extension of the letters-patent granted to them for improvement in coupling for shafting, under date of May fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, for the term of seven years from and after the expiration of the original term of fourteen years for which said letters-patent are granted, such application to be made in the same manner and to have the same effect as if the same had been filed not less than ninety days before the expiration of the aforesaid original term of said patent. And, upon such application so filed, the commissioner of patents shall be authorized to consider and determine the same in the same manner and with the same effect as if the application had been duly filed within the time prescribed by law, and as if the original term of said patent had not expired: *Provided*, 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.

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CHAP. CDXLI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles P. S. Wardwell.*

Claim of Charles P. S. Wardwell for extension of letters-patent may be entertained, &c.

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 hereby is, authorized to entertain, consider, and decide upon the application of Charles P. S. Wardwell, for extension of letters-patent granted to the said Wardwell for an "improved circular-saw machine or bench," bearing date the tenth day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, in the same manner, upon the same evidence, and to the same effect as if said application had been filed in due form and within the time prescribed by law: *Provided*, That the application be made within sixty days from the passage of this act: *And provided further*, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to hold responsible in damages any person who may have manufactured, applied, or used said improvement between the expiration of the said patent and the approval of this act.

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Approved, June 10, 1872.

June 10, 1872.

CHAP. CDXLII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jane Allen Birckhead and Virginia Campbell, sole Heirs at Law of Alexander Watson, deceased.*

Payment to Jane Allen Birckhead and Virginia Campbell.

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 directed to pay to Jane Allen Birckhead and Virginia Campbell, daughters and sole heirs at law of Alexander Watson, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars for property lost, captured, or destroyed in Florida,

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