ated, the sum of four thousand two hundred and eight dollars and thirty-three cents, the same being due him for building and keeping in repair a wharf within the military district of Virginia, under a contract with the Quartermaster's department, at Fortress Monroe, during the late rebellion.

J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Received by the President February 12, 1873.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. CCIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Henry B. Mears.* Feb. 25, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Paymaster-General is hereby directed to pay to Henry B. Mears, late a first lieutenant in the thirty-sixth regiment of Indiana volunteers, out of any money appropriated or that may be appropriated for the pay of the army, the full pay and emoluments of a first lieutenant of infantry in the army of the United States, from the fourteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to October nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, deducting therefrom any sum received by him for services rendered during said period in the army of the United States. Payment to Henry B. Mears.

APPROVED, February 25, 1873.

CHAP. CCIV. — *An Act for the Relief of John B. Emerson.* Feb. 25, 1873.

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 pay to John B. Emerson, or his legal representatives, the sum of twenty-five thousand six hundred and ten dollars, to be received in full satisfaction for any and all claim of the said John B. Emerson, for an infringement by the United States of his letters-patent dated March eighth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four. Payment to John B. Emerson.

APPROVED, February 25, 1873.

CHAP. CCV. — *An Act to restore certain Property to Phineas Banning and Benjamin D. Wilson.* Feb. 25, 1873.

Whereas Phineas Banning conveyed to the United States of America, by deeds dated October thirty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, certain lands in the town of Wilmington, or New San Pedro, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, and said Phineas Banning and Benjamin D. Wilson conveyed to the United States, by deed dated February twelfth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, certain other lands in said town for the sole and only consideration of one dollar; and whereas said premises are not devoted or at all necessary to any public use: Now therefore Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and there is hereby, reconveyed and quitclaimed to Phineas Banning those three certain pieces of land situate in the town of Wilmington, county of Los Angeles, State of California, heretofore donated by the said Phineas Banning to the United States of America, two of said pieces on the thirty-first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, by deed of that date, recorded in book six of deeds, page two hundred and eighty-six, records Certain land in California to be reconveyed to Phineas Banning.

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