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

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CDLXIV. — *An Act permitting Lieutenant Theodore B. M. Mason of the Navy, to accpt a Decoration from the Emperor of Brazil.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lieutenant Theodore B. M. Mason, of the navy of the United States, may accept a decoration of the order of the Rose, tendered to him by the Emperor of Brazil as a testimonial of the courage and humanity displayed by the said Lieutenant Mason in saving the lives of two of his shipmates in the harbor of Rio de Janerio in February, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine. Lieutenant Theodore B. M. Mason may accept a decoration.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CDLXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Grace B. Peck* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from the fourteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-five to the nineteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, Grace B. Peck, widow of Captain Elisha Peck, shall be allowed the difference between the pay her late husband received as commander and the pay of a captain on the retired list of the United States navy, at that time. Allowance to Grace B. Peck.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CDLXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Josiah George Jennings.* March 3, 1873.

Whereas Josiah George Jennings made application for a patent for an improvement in water-closets, which application was after due examination, allowed by the commissioner of patents, on the fourteenth day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy, but became forfeited on the fourteenth day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-one, by reason of the non-payment of the final fee of twenty dollars, and whereas it appears that the said fee was placed in the hands of his agents in due season, but by neglect or mistake was not paid into the Patent-Office within the time required by law: Now, therefore, Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Josiah George Jennings have leave to make payment of the final fee of twenty dollars in the matter of his application for a patent for an improvement in water-closets, which application was allowed by the commissioner of patents on the fourteenth day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy; and that the commissioner of patents be authorized, upon the payment of such fee of twenty dollars, to issue the said patent in the same manner as if the said fee had been paid on or before the fourteenth day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-one: *Provided*, That any person who has commenced the manufacture or use of said improvement since the expiration of said time for payment of the final fee shall be authorized to continue such manufacture and use without liability for infringement, as if this act had not been passed. And no person shall be liable for an infringement of said patent prior to the issue thereof herein authorized. Josiah George Jennings may pay final fee in application for patent. Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

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