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PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of December, 1877, *and was adjourned without day on Thursday, the twentieth day of June*, 1878.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, President. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, Vice-President and President of the Senate. THOMAS W. FERRY was chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the twenty-sixth of February, 1878. He was elected to the same position on the seventeenth of April, 1878, and continued to act as such until the end of the session. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, Speaker of the House of Representatives. MILTON SAYLER was chosen Speaker *pro tempore* on the eighteenth of May, and acted as such from the twentieth until the twenty-fourth of May, 1878.

CHAP. 2.—An act for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes. Dec. 14, 1877.

Relief of survivors of wreck of steamer Huron.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to reimburse the survivors of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Huron wrecked off the coast of North Carolina on the morning of the twenty-fourth of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, for the losses incurred by them respectively in said wreck, there shall be paid, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated the following sums, to wit:

To William P. Conway, master one thousand dollars.

To Lucien Young ensign one thousand dollars.

To Robert G. Denig assistant engineer one thousand dollars.

To Edgar T. Warburton cadet engineer one thousand dollars and the following named survivors of the crew of said vessel, to wit: Patrick Kane, Michael Trainor, Joseph Murphy, William McHugh, Michael Kennedy, Frank Watts, Peter Duffy, Frederick Hoffman, William L. Houseman, Robert Sampson, Michael Durkin, Dominique ODonnell, August Lindgrist, Daniel Devoy, J. J. Robertson, Dennis Deasy, Samuel Clark, John E. Holland, John Collins, W. W. Brooks, Harry W. Avery, Daniel Burgan, Frank May, Harry Nelson, Thomas Price, Antoine Williams, Joseph Hynes, Thomas Carley, E. P. Trainer, Edward Aaronburg, one hundred dollars each.

Relief of heirs of persons lost.

SEC. 2. That the widow, child, or children, and in case there be not such, then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters, of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in the wreck of the said steamer Huron and of Captain J. J. Guthrie, of the Life Saving Service, and of those persons of the steamer B and J. Baker, who together with said Guthrie, were lost while attempting to render assistance on the occasion of the said wreck, shall be entitled to, and shall receive out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, as follows, to wit: the relatives in the order named of the persons connected with the Huron, hereinbefore referred to, a sum equal to twelve month's sea-pay of each person lost; the relatives of Captain J. J. Guthrie as hereinbefore indicated, one year's full pay of said deceased; and the relatives in the order named,

Arrears of pay.

of the persons lost of the steamer B and J. Baker, the sum of one hundred dollars for each person so lost as above stated: *Provided*, That the legal representatives of the above mentioned deceased persons who were in the service of the Government shall also be paid from the Treasury of the United States any arrears of pay due the said deceased at the time of their death.

Accounts of crew.

SEC. 3. That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle upon principles of justice and equity the accounts of the officers, sailors, marines, and others on board the said vessel when wrecked, and to assume the last quarterly return of the paymaster of said vessel as the basis of computation of the subsequent credits to those on board, to the date of such loss if there be no evidence to the contrary. And if upon a settlement of the accounts of C. N. Sanders late past assistant paymaster of the United States Navy, who was lost on said vessel with all his accounts, and vouchers for expenditures, and payments made by him, and with all the money, stores, and supplies procured for the said vessel, any sum shall be found due from him, the proper accounting officers of the Treasury are hereby authorized and required to allow him a credit therefor.

Accounts of paymaster.

Approved, December 14, 1877.

Feb. 1, 1878.

CHAP. 11.—An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles L Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein,) That the political disabilities imposed upon Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama, by the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, on account of his participation in the rebellion, are hereby removed.

Charles L. Scott. Political disabilities removed.

Approved, February 1, 1878.

Feb. 18, 1878.

CHAP. 15.—An act to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Adjutant-General is hereby authorized and directed to remove the charges against Charles Wilkinson, late an officer in Company K, One hundred and second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, from the records of the Department, and that the sentence of the court-martial by which he was cashiered be and the same is hereby set aside.

Charles Wilkinson.

Army record corrected.

Approved, February 18, 1878.

Feb. 27, 1878.

CHAP. 19.—An act for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia, be, and is hereby, relieved from the payment of the taxes heretofore assessed upon its capital stock as banking capital or capital employed in the business of banking, and upon all future similar assessments of banking tax, so long as no part of its capital is employed in the business of banking, and said capital continues to be, as now, employed in the business of manufacturing: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt said company from the payment of the tax upon deposits, as required by law from savings-banks or savings institutions, nor from any tax or penalty which may be hereafter incurred by issuing and circulating, or continuing in circulation, notes or bills or certificates of deposit, as currency or as a substitute for notes, bills, or currency.

Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ga., relieved from certain taxes.

No exemption from taxes on deposits, etc.

Approved, February 27, 1878.