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amendment of the Constitution of the United States by reason of participation in the late rebellion are hereby removed.

Approved, January 13, 1879.

CHAP. 15.—An act for the relief of Columbus F. Perry and Elizabeth H. Gilmer of Chambers County, Alabama. Jan. 13, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to examine the claim presented April eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, by Columbus F. Perry and Elizabeth H. Gilmer, for the refunding of taxes to the amount of four thousand four hundred and forty dollars, by them paid on successions to the collector of the second district of Alabama, on the twenty-fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy, and to hear and determine said claim in the same manner as though it had been presented to the Commissioner on or before June sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and had never been acted upon.

C. F. Perry. Elizabeth H. Gilmer. Claim for refund of tax.

Approved, January 13, 1879.

CHAP. 16.—An act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Williams deceased. Jan. 13, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to adjust and settle, upon just and equitable terms, the claim of George Williams for balance due for building locks two, three, and four of Muscle Shoals Canal on Tennessee River, and on a contract for section-work, done under power of attorney from Matthew G. Kennedy: *Provided*, That in making said settlement the said Secretary of War shall not allow the legal representatives of said George Williams, deceased, more than his actual expenditures, with reasonable compensation for the use of tools, and for money advanced in the prosecution of said work: *And provided further*, that no allowance or payment shall be made under this act except in pursuance of a recommendation of a board of not less than three engineers to be appointed by the Secretary of War to inquire into and report upon the character and value of the work done and the merits of the claim.

Geo. Williams. Settlement of claim.

Approved, January 13, 1879.

CHAP. 17.—An act for the relief of William S. Morris, William S. Mann, Charles A. Oakman, George W. Hillman, the Union Transfer Company, all of Philadelphia, the Union Transfer Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and John R. Graham, late of Philadelphia, now of Washington, District of Columbia. Jan. 15, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Internal Revenue be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to reopen and reconsider the following claims for the refunding of certain taxes, alleged to have been improperly and illegally assessed and collected, namely: William S. Morris, for the amount of three thousand six hundred and ninety dollars and twenty-two cents; William S. Mann, for the amount of five hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty-six cents; Charles A. Oakman, for the amount of one thousand four hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty cents; George W. Hillman, for the amount of two hundred dollars; the Union Transfer Company of Philadelphia, for the amount of five thousand and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents; the Union Transfer Company of Baltimore, Maryland, for the amount of nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and seven cents; and John R. Graham, for the amount of seventeen hundred and forty-four dollars and

Claims for refund of taxes.

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G. W. Hillman.
Union Transfer Company.
J. R. Graham.