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political disabilities imposed upon him by the third section of the fourteenth article of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Approved, February 14, 1879.

CHAP. 80.—An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Wysham of Maryland. Feb. 14, 1879.

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 all political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States upon W. E. Wysham of Maryland be and the same are hereby removed. W. E. Wysham. Political disabilities.

Approved, February 14, 1879.

CHAP. 84.—An act for the relief of Thomas A. Walker Feb. 15, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and required to allow and pay to Thomas A. Walker, late register of the United States land-office at Des Moines, Iowa, the sum of five thousand one hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents, on account of money paid out and expended by him as such register for hire of clerks and office rent in his said office during his incumbency; and the said sum is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be received by said Walker in full satisfaction and payment of all claims and demands whatsoever on the part of said Walker against the government for clerical and other expenses of his said office T. A. Walker. Payment of claim.

Approved, February 15, 1879.

CHAP. 85.—An act to provide for the adjustment and settlement of certain internal-revenue taxes erroneously assessed and collected from the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company. Feb. 15, 1879.

Whereas, by section one hundred and three of the internal-revenue act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, a tax of two and one-half per centum was imposed upon the gross receipts of railroad companies; and Preamble.

Whereas, by section nine of the act of July thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, the said tax was limited to receipts from passengers and mails after August first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and as to the transportation of property after that date the act imposing said tax was repealed; and

Whereas, by section two of the act of July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, all parts of acts imposing said taxes after October first, eighteen hundred and seventy, were repealed; and

Whereas it is represented that the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company of the State of Pennsylvania was compelled to pay, and did pay, taxes upon the gross receipts of their road, including a tax for the transportation of property from the said thirteenth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to the first of October, eighteen hundred and seventy: Therefore,

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, and he is hereby, authorized and required to examine and adjust the claim of said company for the taxes alleged to have been so erroneously assessed and collected upon said gross receipts after August first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and to refund to said company the amount of said taxes found by him on examination to have been collected as aforesaid without the authority of law; and there is hereby appro- Cumberland Valley Railroad Company. Refund of taxes.