

law, said decision having been acquiesced in and said rate thereafter adopted by the Treasury Department.

Approved, January 15, 1881.

CHAP. 22.—An act for the relief of John Gault, junior, late a major of the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Infantry.

Jan. 15, 1881.

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 directed to pay John Gault, junior, late a major in the Twenty-eighth Regiment Kentucky Infantry Volunteers, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the pay and allowances of a major of infantry from August sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, deducting therefrom any moneys paid him for any other position held during that period.

John Gault, junior, relief.

Approved, January 15, 1881.

CHAP. 26.—An act for the relief of James D. Grant.

Jan. 21, 1881.

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 release James D. Grant, a distiller, of Robertson County, in the State of Texas, from the payment of one thousand four hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-six cents, which remain unremitted of the two following assessments made against him for deficiencies in the production of distilled spirits, occurring in the months of September, October, November, and December, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and January and February eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, at his distillery, number one of the first district of Texas, namely: An assessment for one thousand three hundred and forty dollars and five cents on the list for February, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and another for five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and sixteen cents on the list of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided,* That before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall release the said Grant from the payment of said assessment, or any part thereof, he shall ascertain by inquiry and investigation into all the facts that said Grant correctly reported and paid taxes upon all spirits made by him during the time for which said assessments were made.

James D. Grant, relief.

Proviso.

Approved, January 21, 1881.

CHAP. 32.—An act authorizing the persons therein named to accept of certain decorations and presents therein named, from foreign governments, and for other purposes.

Jan. 31, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Joseph Irish, of the United States Revenue Marine, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Spanish Government the Grand Cross of Naval Merit of the second class, for services rendered the officers and crew of the Spanish war-vessel Pizarro;

Presents may be accepted by Joseph Irish;

That Lieutenant Benjamin H. Buckingham, of the United States Navy, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the President of the French Republic the Cross of the Legion of Honor, in appreciation of services in connection with the Exposition of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight at Paris;

Lieutenant Benjamin H. Buckingham;

General Francis A. Walker; That General Francis A. Walker, Superintendent of the Census, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept a decoration of Knight Commander of the Swedish order of Wasa, tendered him by the Government of Sweden, and also that of Commander of the Spanish order of Isabella, from the Government of Spain, as a recognition of his services as chief of the bureau of awards at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia;

First Lieutenant Henry Metcalfe; That First Lieutenant Henry Metcalfe, of the Ordnance Department of the United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Sultan of Turkey a decoration of the order of the Osmanie, tendered as an evidence of the Sultan's appreciation of the efforts of that officer in conducting the inspection of arms and ammunition manufactured for the Imperial Ottoman Government at Providence, Rhode Island, and Bridgeport and New Haven, Connecticut;

Rear-Admiral John J. Almy; That Rear-Admiral John J. Almy, United States Navy, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept a decoration of the order of Kemeheheha the First, which has been tendered to him by the King of the Hawaiian Islands as an evidence of his appreciation of that officer;

Lieutenant Z. L. Tanner; That Lieutenant Z. L. Tanner, of the United States Navy, late commanding the Pacific mail steamer City of Pekin, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Japanese Government a pair of flower-vases and a lacquered box in acknowledgment of his services in rescuing four Japanese seamen from a wreck on the Pacific Ocean on the nineteenth of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven;

Lieutenant Francis V. Greene; That Lieutenant Francis V. Greene, of the United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Emperor of Russia a decoration of the third class of the order of Saint Anne for bravery under fire at the battle of Shipka Pass August twenty-third and twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and at the assault of Plevna September eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven; also, a decoration of the fourth class of the order of Saint Vladimir for bravery under fire during the passage of the Balkans December twenty-fifth to thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and at the battle of Philippopolis January fifteenth to seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight; also, the campaign medal conferred upon all persons present in the campaign;

Assistant Surgeon William J. Wilson; That William J. Wilson, assistant surgeon United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Khedive of Egypt a decoration of the order of Nejidieh, for gallantry in battle in the action near Gura, in Abyssinia, March seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-six;

Commodore J. W. A. Nicholson. That Commodore J. W. A. Nicholson, United States Navy, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the Spanish Government the Grand Cross of Naval Merit, with a white badge, as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered to the officers and crew of the wrecked war-ship Pizarro.

Conditions of acceptance. SEC. 2. That no decoration, or other thing, the acceptance of which is authorized by this act, and no decoration heretofore accepted, or which may hereafter be accepted, by consent of Congress, by any officer of the United States, from any foreign government, shall be publicly shown or exposed upon the person of the officer so receiving the same.

Presents, hereafter made, tendered through Department of State and permission for acceptance and delivery obtained from Congress. SEC. 3. That hereafter any present, decoration, or other thing, which shall be conferred or presented by any foreign government to any officer of the United States, civil, naval, or military, shall be tendered through the Department of State, and not to the individual in person, but such present, decoration, or other thing shall not be delivered by the Department of State unless so authorized by act of Congress.

Approved, January 31, 1881.