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Whereas the pretended defalcation was the result of the failure of the officers of the United States to take possession of the papers and effects of the said quartermaster, at the time of his death, according to the requirement of the Articles of War; and

Whereas the enforcement of said judgment would now be unjust: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, That the district attorney of the United States for said district be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to release, cancel, and satisfy said judgment and discharge of record all liability against said Snell because of said judgment or any proceeding under the same; and that said Snell be relieved and discharged in law from all liability because of said judgment or proceeding.

Thomas Snell, relief.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 179.—An act granting an increase of pension to James H. Reeve.

March 3, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James H. Reeve, late captain and brevet major in the Third Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, be, and he is hereby, granted and allowed, from June twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, a pension at the rate of twenty-four dollars per month; and the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of said James H. Reeve on the pension-roll at said rate, in lieu of the pension now paid him, deducting therefrom the amounts already paid him.

James H. Reeve, increase of pension.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 180.—An act for the relief of Levi Price.

March 3, 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, directed to pay Levi Price, of Frederick County, Maryland, the sum of two hundred dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to cause to be credited to said Levi Price by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue the sum of one thousand seven hundred and forty dollars and twenty three cents, the amount of tax improperly assessed against him.

Levi Price, refund of tax.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 181.—An act granting a pension to Mary A. Shemelia.

March 3, 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 Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place, or cause to be placed, upon the pension-rolls of the United States the name of Mary A. Shemelia, as dependent widowed mother of William H. Shemelia, deceased, late a member of Company C, of the Thirty-fourth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, who died at post hospital at Paducah, in the State of Kentucky, December fourteenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty four, at the full rate of pension allowed by the pension laws to dependent widowed mothers of enlisted soldiers, to commence from and after the passage of this act.

Mary A. Shemelia, pension.

Approved, March 3, 1881.