

CHAP. 148.—An Act For the relief of the King Coal Company, of San Francisco, California.

April 16, 1920.
[H. R. 6077.]

[Private, No. 50.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of the King Coal Company, of San Francisco, California, owner of the barge Ruth, against the United States for damages alleged to have been caused by collision between the said barge and the United States submarine R-19 in San Francisco Harbor, may be sued for by the said King Coal Company in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, sitting as a court of admiralty and acting under the rules governing such court, and said court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine such suit and to enter a judgment or decree for the amount of such damages and costs, if any, as shall be found to be due against the United States in favor of the King Coal Company, or against the King Coal Company in favor of the United States upon the same principles and measures of liability as in like cases in admiralty between private parties and with the same rights of appeal: *Provided*, That such notice of the suit shall be given to the Attorney General of the United States as may be provided by order of the said court, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to cause the United States attorney in such district to appear and defend for the United States: *Provided further*, That said suit shall be brought and commenced within four months of the date of the passage of this Act.

King Coal Company.
May bring suit for
damages to barge
"Ruth."

Jurisdiction of court.

Provisos.
Notice, etc.

Commencement of
suit.

Approved, April 16, 1920.

CHAP. 149.—An Act For the relief of Lawrence Bendich and Anthony Vezich.

April 16, 1920.
[H. R. 8645.]

[Private, No. 51.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of Lawrence Bendich and Anthony Vezich, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of New Orleans, State of Louisiana, and joint owners of the gasoline freighter Protector, against the United States for damages alleged to have been caused by collision between the said freighter and the United States submarine chaser Numbered Three hundred and thirty-six, in the Mississippi River about thirty-five miles below New Orleans, on the 2d day of February, 1919, may be sued for by the said Lawrence Bendich and Anthony Vezich in the district court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana, sitting as a court of admiralty and acting under the rules governing such court, and said court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine such suit and to enter a judgment or decree for the amount of such damages and costs, if any, as shall be found to be due against the United States in favor of the said Lawrence Bendich and Anthony Vezich, or against the said Lawrence Bendich and Anthony Vezich in favor of the United States, upon the same principles and measures of liability as in like cases in admiralty between private parties, and with the same rights of appeal: *Provided*, That such notice of the suit shall be given to the Attorney General of the United States as may be provided by order of the said court, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to cause the United States attorney in such district to appear and defend for the United States: *Provided further*, That said suit shall be brought and commenced within four months of the date of the passage of this Act.

Lawrence Bendich
and Anthony Vezich.
May bring suit for
damages to freighter
"Protector."

Jurisdiction of court.

Provisos.
Notice, etc.

Commencement of
suit.

Approved, April 16, 1920.