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such plea, except in the event that the so-called Lever Act under which said indictment is found shall be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States and that no prosecution could be sustained upon the facts stated in said indictment": *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Proviso. Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Excessive, unlawful.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, February 23, 1931.

February 23, 1931.
[H. R. 9215.]
[Private, No. 368.]

CHAP. 285.—An Act For the relief of Jessie Axton.

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 is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Jessie Axton the sum of $165, in full settlement of her claim against the Government for services rendered in reporting and transcribing the record in the case of the United States against Horace Alderman.

Jessie Axton. Payment to.

Approved, February 23, 1931.

February 23, 1931.
[H. R. 10542.]
[Private, No. 369.]

CHAP. 286.—An Act For the relief of John A. Arnold.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to John A. Arnold the sum of $542 in full settlement of all claims and to reimburse him for the value of land and improvements made by him upon Government lands as homestead entryman, which land and improvements he was forced to relinquish due to error of the Government in issuing to him homestead entry certificate to lands already entered and to which it had no title, said lands being the southwest quarter section 25, township 34 north, range 11 west, Pulaski County, Missouri.

John A. Arnold. Reimbursement for certain land and improvements.

Approved, February 23, 1931.

February 24, 1931.
[H. R. 504.]
[Private, No. 370.]

CHAP. 292.—An Act For the relief of James Earl Brigman.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the administration of any laws conferring rights, privileges, and benefits upon honorably discharged soldiers, James Earl Brigman, who served as a member of Company A, Thirteenth Infantry, shall hereafter be held and considered to have been honorably discharged from said service on the 10th day of April, 1915: *Provided*, That no bounty, back pay, pension, or allowance shall be held to have accrued prior to the passage of this Act.

James Earl Brigman. Military record corrected.

Proviso. No back pay, etc.

Approved, February 24, 1931.