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[H. R. 9575.]
[Private, No. 487.]

CHAP. 572.—An Act For the relief of the New York Marine Company.

New York Marine Company.
Compensation to, for sinking of its barge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,182, and that the said sum be paid to the New York Marine Company as just compensation and in full settlement and satisfaction of its damages and loss incurred and suffered by the sinking of its barge Liberty, on December 1, 1924, by the Coast Guard cutter Manhattan: *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.

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CHAP. 573.—An Act For the relief of the widow of John Curtis Staton.

John Curtis Staton.
Payment of salary to widow of.

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 to the widow of John Curtis Staton, late assistant postmaster at Atlanta, Georgia, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,302.96, such sum representing the amount of accrued salary during his illness.

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CHAP. 574.—An Act For the relief of A. J. Bell.

A. J. Bell.
Refund authorized of purchase price for land erroneously sold.

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 authorized and directed to pay to A. J. Bell, of Pulaski, Tennessee, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $900, which was paid on August 20, 1921, to a deputy United States internal revenue collector for the purchase of land of Dan Howard, sold by the Government at public auction under distraint warrant, and said fund was deposited in the United States Treasury. Said land was never delivered by the United States into the possession of said A. J. Bell.

Condition.

SEC. 2. That payment of said sum of money to said A. J. Bell shall be made upon condition that the said A. J. Bell deliver, prior to the payment, quit-claim deed to the collector of internal revenue for the district of Tennessee conveying to the United States all the right, title, and interest of the said A. J. Bell in and to said land.

Approved, March 4, 1931.