respect to the direct tax imposed by the act of August the second, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, on equitable principles, and to make such allowances, and admit such credits, as, from the circumstances of that collection district, may appear to him reasonable and just.

Act of Aug. 2, 1813, ch. 37.

Approved, April 20, 1818.

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April 20, 1818.

Chap. CXVII.—*An Act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to audit and settle, upon such terms as may appear to him equitable and proper, the claim of Benjamin Berry, of the State of Massachusetts, for three hundred dollars, on account of a contract made in January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, between him and the collector of the port of Machias, by which the said Berry engaged to bring, for the benefit of the United States, certain property from the wreck of the British ship Diligent.

Claim to be examined and settled.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount of the claim, when ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 20, 1818.

Statute I.
April 20, 1818.

Chap. CXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of James Mackay, of the Missouri Territory.*

Be it enacted, &c., That James Mackay, of the Missouri territory, be, and he is hereby, authorized to file, with the recorder of land titles at St. Louis, in said territory, a warrant of survey or concession from the Spanish government of Louisiana, bearing date the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, for the quantity of eighteen hundred arpents of land, granted to James M'Daniel; and it shall be the duty of the said recorder of land titles to examine the evidence which may be produced to him, in relation to the concession and claim to the land aforesaid, and shall report the substance of the evidence, with his opinion thereon, to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, which shall be laid before Congress, at their next session, for their decision thereon.

Authorized to file with the recorder at St. Louis a Spanish warrant of survey, &c.

Approved, April 20, 1818.

Statute I.
April 20, 1818.

Chap. CXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Peggy Bailey.*

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for Peggy Bailey, sister of Dixon Bailey, (a Creek Indian of the half blood, who was slain in the service of the United States, at the capture of Fort Mims,) and she is hereby, authorized to enter, without payment, with the register of the land office in whose district the land lies, three hundred and twenty acres of land, so as to include the settlement and improvements of the said Dixon Bailey in the Alabama territory: *Provided*, That neither the said Peggy Bailey, nor her heirs, shall have power of alienating said land, or any part thereof, in any manner whatever; and in case of the voluntary abandonment of the possession and occupancy of the said tract of land by the said Peggy Bailey, or of her heirs, hereafter, the said land shall revert to the United States.

May enter a tract of land without payment.

Proviso.

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