said Sampson S. King has not been guilty of any misconduct or default in failing to render his accounts for settlement.

Approved, February 4, 1819.

Statute II.
Feb. 4, 1819.

Chap. XVI.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel H. Harper.*

$500 to be paid to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to pay to Samuel H. Harper, of the state of Louisiana, the sum of five hundred dollars, as compensation for bringing to the seat of the general government the record of the decisions of the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, for the eastern land district of Louisiana, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 4, 1819.

Statute II.
Feb. 4, 1819.

Chap. XVII.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas B. Farish.*

$149.60 to be paid to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid unto Thomas B. Farish, the sum of one hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixty cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 4, 1819.

Statute II.
Feb. 15, 1819.

Chap. XX.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.*

$785 to be paid to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to pay to Samuel F. Hooker the sum of seven hundred and eighty-five dollars; to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 15, 1819.

Statute II.
Feb. 15, 1819.

Chap. XXIII.—*An Act to incorporate the Provident Association of Clerks in the civil department of the government of the United States, in the District of Columbia.*

Certain persons incorporated.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passage of this act, all those persons who are, or shall hereafter become, members of the Provident Association of Clerks, employed in the civil department of the government of the United States, within the District of Columbia, be, and they are hereby, made a body corporate and politic, by the name and style of "The Provident Association of Clerks," and shall so continue until the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in courts of record and in any other place whatsoever; and by that name may make, have, and use, a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew, at pleasure; and shall have power to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of said corporation, not being contrary to law nor the constitution thereof, and generally to do and execute all acts necessary or proper for the objects of said incorporation, subject to the rules, regulations, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, herein described and declared.

Fundamental articles of the corporation.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following rules, regulations, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, shall form, and be fundamental articles of, the constitution of the said corporation, to wit:

Association, of whom to consist.

1st. The association shall be composed of clerks, employed in the civil department of the government of the United States, within the District of Columbia; and its object shall be the benefit of the families

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