

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of John Shirkey.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place John Shirkey on the pension list of military pensioners of the United States, who shall be entitled to, and shall receive, a pension, at the rate of five dollars thirty-three and one-third cents per month, to commence on the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

APPROVED, April 17, 1828.

STATUTE I.
April 17, 1828.

To be placed
on the pension
list.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act for the relief of Anthony Hermange.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue letters patent, in the usual form, to Anthony Hermange, of the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, for certain improvements in the machinery for propelling ships and other vessels, on his paying into the treasury the usual fees, and making oath that he, being a citizen of the United States, does verily believe, that he and Paul Steenstrup, of Kongsberg, in the Kingdom of Norway, are the true inventors or discoverers of the said improvements, and delivering into the patent office models of the same (if the Secretary of State shall deem it necessary) with specifications, as is required by the acts of Congress, relative to the issuing of letters patent for inventions or improvements: *Provided*, That the said patent shall be subject to all the conditions, limitations, and restrictions, of the said act of Congress.

APPROVED, April 28, 1828.

STATUTE I.
April 28, 1828.

Letters patent
to issue for his
improved ma-
chinery for pro-
pelling ships.

Proviso.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act for the relief of William Benning.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the act of the Legislature of the state of Maryland, entitled "An act for erecting a bridge over the Eastern Branch," passed at November Session, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, by which a company is incorporated, by the name of "The Anacostia Bridge Company," be, and the same is hereby, revived and re-enacted; and that William Benning, of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, his executors, administrators, and assigns, be, and they are hereby, vested with all the powers, rights, and privileges, by the said act of incorporation granted to the said Anacostia Bridge Company, and shall be subject to all the pains and penalties by the act aforesaid imposed on the said Company.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, so long as the said William Benning, his executors, or administrators, or any assignee of the entire stock of the said Company, shall remain the sole proprietor of the said stock, the sole control and management of the said Company shall remain and be with such sole proprietor, without the intervention of directors to be elected for that purpose; and, if it shall hereafter happen, that the said William Benning, his executors, or administrators, or any assignee of the entire stock of said Company, shall, by assignments of the stock of said Company, to be made as prescribed by the said act of incorporation, create two or more proprietors, less than five, the interest of the said Company shall be managed by such proprietors as, by agreement or convention, to be entered on the books of said Company, they may think best; but, whenever the number of the said proprietors shall exceed four, it shall be the duty of such proprietors to meet and elect

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Act for erect-
ing a bridge
over the East-
ern Branch, of
Nov. 1797, re-
vived and re-
enacted, &c.

So long as W.
Benning, &c.
shall remain the
sole proprietor,
the sole control
shall remain
with such pro-
prietor, &c.