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Chap. LXII. — *An Act granting compensation to Rebecca Blodget, for her right of dower in the property therein mentioned.*

Allowance to her for her right of dower in certain property in Washington.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Postmaster-General shall, out of the proceeds of the General Post-Office, pay to Rebecca Blodget, during her natural life, the yearly sum of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, commencing from the twentieth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six: *Provided*, That before any payment be made, the said Rebecca Blodget shall, in due form of law, execute a release to the United States of all her right of dower, in the building now occupied as a General Post-Office, in the city of Washington, and the lots whereon the same is erected, and which are occupied as appurtenances thereto, particularly the lots number one and number four, in square number four hundred and thirty.

Proviso.

Part of the annuity to be paid, when.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the part of the annuity which shall be due for the time between the said twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and the time of executing the release above provided for, shall be paid when the said release shall be delivered, and that part which shall grow due thereafter, shall be paid in quarterly payments.

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Chap. LXIII. — *An Act for the relief of the representatives of Patience Gordon, widow, deceased.*

Payment of a certificate of loan.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to the legal representatives of Patience Gordon, deceased, the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifteen ninetieths, with interest at six per centum per annum, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight; it being the specie value of a certificate issued in the name of the said Patience Gordon, by the Commissioner of Loans for the state of New Jersey, bearing date April seventh, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, numbered two thousand and twenty-seven, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the said legal representatives shall first execute and deliver to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, a bond in such sum, and with such security, as the said Comptroller shall direct and approve, to indemnify the United States from and against the lawful claim of any other person or persons, for, or on account of, the said certificate.

Proviso.

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Chap. LXIV.—*An Act for the relief of William Bell.*

Letters patent to issue for his improvement in the construction of the carriage for cannon for vessels of war, &c.

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 William Bell, for his improvement in the construction of the carriage for cannon, to be used on board of vessels of war, and letters patent for his invention to ascertain the depth of water in the hold of a vessel; upon his complying with all the provisions of the several acts of Congress relative to the issuing of letters patent for inventions and improvements, except so far as the said acts require, on the part of aliens, a residence of two years in the United States.

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Chap. LXV. — *An Act for the relief of Thomas Brown and Aaron Stanton, of the state of Indiana.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the sum of one hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifty cents, be paid out of any money in the treasury not other-

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