Porter and Warrington, acting in behalf of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four; and that the amount ascertained to be due, be paid to the said John Lacy, or to his legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however,* That the said accounting officers do not allow any estimate for salvage on account of the loss of the schooner Mary and Elizabeth.

Proviso.

Approved, July 3, 1832.

Statute I.

July 3, 1832.

Chap. CLVIII.—*An Act for the relief of William McCormick.*

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall and may be lawful for William McCormick, of the state of Indiana, to file, in the land office at Fort Wayne, a relinquishment, in such form as the Register and Receiver of the said land office shall prescribe, of all his title and interest in and to the east half of the south-east quarter of section ten, in township twenty-two, within the said land district, entered by him through mistake, and, upon the execution of such release, to apply the money paid on the same to the west half of the south-east quarter of section fifteen, township twenty-two, if the said quarter section remain unsold and subject to private entry; if not, then to apply the amount paid in by mistake to any other quarter section of land subject to private entry within said district, for which a patent shall issue.

May relinquish a certain tract of land entered by mistake, &c.

Approved, July 3, 1832.

Statute I.

July 3, 1832.

Chap. CLIX. — *An Act for the relief of Horatio Gates Spafford.*

Be it enacted, &c., That, in issuing letters patent in the usual form to Horatio Gates Spafford, a citizen of the United States, for his alleged discoveries in mechanical philosophy, carried into practical operation by appropriate machinery, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, upon application to him within one year after the passage of this act, to file in the confidential archives of his department, and there preserve in secret for the period of one year, the descriptions, specifications, and drawings, illustrating the discoveries and inventions aforesaid; and the patent which shall be thus issued, shall have the same force and effect as if conformable in all respects to the provisions of the "Act to promote the progress of useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose."

Letters patent to issue for his alleged discoveries in mechanical philosophy.

His specification to be kept secret.

Act of Feb. 21, 1793, ch. 11.

Approved, July 3, 1832.

Statute I.

July 3, 1832.

Chap. CLX. — *An Act directing letters patent to be issued to Thomas Knowles, James Lang, and William Steel, respectively.*

Be it enacted, &c., That letters patent be issued, in the usual form, to Thomas Knowles, of Manchester, in the kingdom of Great Britain, for a machine for spinning cotton threads, called Knowles's improvement; to James Lang, of Greenock, in Scotland, for an improvement in the machinery for spinning rope yarn and duck twines; and to William Steel, of Liverpool, in said kingdom, for an improvement on steam engines, called Steel's atmospheric and re-acting steam engines; upon their compliance, respectively, 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 in the United States: *Provided,* That the said letters patent, and all the privileges thereby granted to the patentees, respectively, shall cease and determine, and become absolutely void, without resort to any legal process to repeal, annul, or cancel the same, in case of failure, severally, on their parts, for the space of two years

Letters patent to be issued to T. Knowles, J. Lang, and W. Steel, aliens, respectively.

Proviso.

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