due to the said De la Francia be paid to him, or his legal representatives, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Amount found due to be paid him.

Approved, August 14, 1848.

Chap. CLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Payment of the Fourth Regiment in the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Vermont Militia, for Services at the Battle of Plattsburg.* Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to adjust and settle the claims for one month's services of the officers and soldiers of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the militia of the State of Vermont, who served at the battle of Plattsburg on the eleventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for their military services on that occasion, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Claims of certain officers and soldiers of Vermont militia to be adjusted and settled.

Approved, August 14, 1848.

Chap. CLXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the Brig-of-War Somers.* Aug. 14, 1848.

Whereas the United States brig-of-war Somers was foundered at sea, in the offing of the harbor of Vera Cruz, while engaged, under very hazardous circumstances, in the prosecution of hostilities against an enemy of this republic: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the widows, if any such there be, and in case there be no widow, the child or children, and if there be no child, then the parent or parents, and if there are no parents, to the brothers and sisters who were minors and under the age of eighteen years at the time of said loss of the officers, seamen, and marines who were in the service of the United States, and lost in the United States brig-of-war Somers, shall be entitled to, and receive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel. A sum equal to twelve months' pay of their deceased relatives awarded to the widows or children, &c., of the officers, seamen, and marines of the late United States brig Somers.

Approved, August 14, 1848.

Chap. CLXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of George V. Mitchell.* Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George V. Mitchell, late postmaster at Bellsville, Pennsylvania, be, and he hereby is, released from the payment of a judgment obtained against him in the United States Court for the western district of Pennsylvania, held at Williamsport. George V. Mitchell released from the payment of a judgment.

Approved, August 14, 1848.

Chap. CLXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Ward and Smith.* Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to ascertain The Secretary of the Navy to ascertain what sum

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