is justly due Ward and Smith for advances made for the use of the navy in California, and certify the amount to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall pay the same.

what sum should be justly and equitably allowed the firm of Ward and Smith, for advances made by them for the use of the Navy Department in California, in the month of February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to certify the amount to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Chap. CLXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Manony, and others.*

Secretary of the Treasury to pay

To Cook, Anthony, & Mahony, $50;
To Doremus, Suydams, & Nixen, $150;
To Spellman & Frazer, $50;
To West Oliver & Co., $100; and
To O B. White, $250, for certain treasury notes belonging to them, which were stolen, and after being altered and forged, were paid by the Bank of America, as the fiscal agent of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Cook, Anthony, and Mahony, of New York, fifty dollars; to Doremus, Suydams, and Nixen, of New York, one hundred and fifty dollars; to Spellman and Fraser, of New York, fifty dollars; to West Oliver and Company, of New York, one hundred dollars; and to O. B. White, of New York, two hundred and fifty dollars; the said sums being the amount of treasury notes, the property of the aforesaid persons, which were deposited, enclosed in letters, in the post-office at Van Buren, in the State of Arkansas, in March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and were afterwards stolen from the mail by one Charles Botsford; and, after being altered and forged, were presented, by some person unknown, to the Bank of America, in the city of New York, then acting as the fiscal agent of the treasury, and paid by said bank, in behalf of the United States.

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Chap. CLXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles M. Gibson.*

Charles M. Gibson to be paid $300 for a wagon captured and destroyed in Florida by the Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to Charles M. Gibson, as remuneration for a wagon captured and destroyed in Middle Florida by the Seminole Indians, in February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Chap. CLXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William Triplett.*

Right to a pre-emption of a tract of land in Missouri, confirmed to William Triplett.

Upon payment being made for said land, a patent to issue.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of William Triplett, of St. Louis county, Missouri, to a preëmption of the south-east quarter of section thirty-six, in township forty-five, of range four east, as specified in the certificate of the receiver of the land office at St. Louis, numbered eleven thousand one hundred and seventy-one, held under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, being the land on which he, the said Triplett, has resided for more than twenty-five years last past, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed and established; and that upon payment being made, or having been made for said land, by said Triplett, a patent shall be issued to him: *Provided*, That all or any previous right acquired, and grants or sales of said

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