

need not make application or swear to specification. 1870, ch. 230, §33. *Ante*, p. 202.

made and the specification sworn to by the inventor or discoverer, if living, shall not be construed to apply to patents issued and assigned prior to July eight, eighteen hundred and seventy.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

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CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act to authorize the Restoration of James Belger to the Rank of Major and Quartermaster in the Army.*

James Belger may be restored to the rank of major, &c. in the army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to restore James Belger to the rank of major and quartermaster in the army, to date from the day of his restoration to his said rank under this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXIV.—*An Act to restore Robert Boyd, junior, to the active List of the Navy of the United States.*

Robert Boyd, junior, may be restored to the active list of the navy as commander.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Robert Boyd, junior, now on the retired list, as a commander on the active list of the navy.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act to amend an Act for the Relief of Jearum Atkins, approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy.*

Commissioner of patents may entertain a petition of Jearum Atkins for extension of patent.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the relief of Jearum Atkins," approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: "That the commissioner of patents be, and he hereby is, authorized to entertain and exercise jurisdiction over a petition of Jearum Atkins for the extension of letters-patent granted to him on the twenty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, for a further term of seven years from the day on which such extension may be granted, and to hear and determine upon the said petition in the same manner and with the same effect as if the original term of said patent had not expired, and to grant or refuse such extension upon the same principles that govern his decisions upon such applications when made in due course of law: *Provided*, That before granting any extension upon such petition, the commissioner shall be satisfied that the same will inure to the sole benefit of said Atkins: *And provided further*, That no person shall be held liable for the infringement of said patent, if extended, for making use of said invention since the expiration of the original term of said patent, and prior to the date of its extension."

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act to adjust and fix the Compensation of the Assistants employed in the Library of Congress.*

Pay of assistants in the library of Congress established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assistants employed in the office of the librarian of Congress shall receive the rates of compensation hereinafter provided, commencing with the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one: Three assistant librarians, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; two assistants, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one assistant, at one thousand six hundred dollars; two assistants, at one thousand four hundred and forty dollars

each; three assistants, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; two assistants, at one thousand dollars each; one assistant, at nine hundred and sixty dollars.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXVII. — *An Act supplementary to "An Act to authorize the Extension, Construction, and Use of a lateral Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac R. R. Co., in, to, and within the District of Columbia," approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.* March 3, 1871.
1867, ch. 29.
Vol. xiv. p. 387.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company be, and they are hereby, authorized to erect over their tracks on Virginia Avenue, between west Sixth Street and west Seventh Street, in the city of Washington, a passenger depot building, covering the following described area, to wit: commencing at the intersection of the building line of south side of south C Street produced and the building line of east side of west Seventh Street produced, thence along last-mentioned line southward to a point, thence by line parallel with and forty feet distant northward from building line of southerly side of Virginia Avenue to a point in building line of west side of west Sixth Street produced, thence by last-mentioned line northward to a point, thence by line parallel with and forty feet distant southward from building line of northerly side of Virginia Avenue to a point, thence northward by line parallel with and eighty feet distant eastward from the building line of east side of west Seventh Street produced to a point in building line of south side of south C Street produced, thence by last-mentioned line westward to the place of beginning; which shall be of the same style of architecture as the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at the city of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania: *Provided,* That the assent of the municipal authorities of the city of Washington or of the District of Columbia be first obtained to the erection of said depot.

Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company may erect a passenger depot building.
Location.

Style.

Assent of municipal authorities to be first obtained.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXVIII. — *An Act to regulate the Grade of Maryland Avenue from the End of the Long Bridge to Twelfth Street.* March 3, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company are hereby authorized, at the expense of said company, to change the grade of Maryland Avenue, so as to establish a descending grade of one and seventy-five one-hundredths feet per one hundred feet from the centre of Twelfth Street south to the centre of Thirteen-and-a-half Street south, and a descending grade of one and thirty-one hundredths feet per one hundred feet from the centre of Thirteen-and-a-half Street south to the top of the abutment of the Long bridge over the Potomac river, as newly constructed; the present grade at the centre of Twelfth Street south to be reduced two feet, and the level of the top of the new abutment of the Long bridge not to be more than nine feet above the height of the old abutment: *Provided,* That if any actual damage shall be sustained by the owners of any property on said avenue, or on the streets connecting therewith, by reason of such change of grade, said railroad shall pay such damages as shall be sustained, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in the District of Columbia: *Provided further,* That such change of grade shall be made under the supervision of the proper municipal authorities of the city of Washington or of the District of Columbia, and in the manner to be approved by said municipal authority.

Grade of Maryland Avenue may be changed.

Damages to property owners.

Change to be made under whose supervision.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.