

the said board are also directed to take into consideration the sanitary effect upon the city of Washington, and the feasibility of reclaiming, in any improvements suggested, the swamp and marsh lands along said water-front: *Provided*, That any expense attending said report shall not exceed one thousand dollars, and shall be paid by the District of Columbia.

Expenses.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act to authorize the Issuing of a Certificate of Registry to the Brig "Michael and Anna."* March 5, 1872.

*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 to issue a certificate of registry to the brig "Michael and Anne," the property of T. B. Marshall and Brother, of the city of Savannah, State of Georgia.

Certificate of registry to issue to the brig "Michael and Anne."

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXVIII. — *An Act authorizing an American Register to the British Brig "Isadora," owned by Edwin M. Fowle, of Newton, Massachusetts.* March 5, 1872.

*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to issue an American register to the British brig "Isadora," owned by Edwin M. Fowle, of Newton, Massachusetts.

Register to issue to the brig "Isadora."

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Lucas, O'Brien, Dickinson, and other Counties in the State of Iowa.* March 5, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioner of the general land office is hereby authorized and required to receive and examine the selections of swamp-lands in Lucas, O'Brien, Dickinson, and such other counties in the State of Iowa as formerly presented their selections to the surveyor-general of the district including that State, and allow or disallow said selections, and indemnity provided for according to the acts of Congress in force touching the same at the time such selections were made, without prejudice to legal entries or the rights of bona-fide settlers under the homestead and pre-emption laws of the United States prior to the date of this act.

Selections of swamp-lands in certain counties in Iowa to be received, &c.

1850, ch. 84. Vol. ix. p. 519.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act for the Relief of George W. Morse.*

March 11, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioner of patents be, and he hereby is, authorized to entertain and exercise jurisdiction over petitions of George W. Morse for the extension of two letters-patent granted to him on the twenty-eighth day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, for a further term of seven years from the day on which such extensions may be granted, and to hear the testimony of the applicant and determine upon the said petitions in the same manner and with the same effect as if the original terms of said patents, or of any foreign patents covering the same inventions, had not expired, and to grant or refuse such extensions upon the same principles, otherwise, that govern his decisions upon such applications when made under the law of July eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy: *Provided*, That no person shall be held liable for the infringement of said patents, if extended, for making use of said inventions since the expiration of the original terms of said patents, and prior to the date of their extension: *And provided further*, That any person, firm, or corporation now engaged in the manufac-

Petition of George W. Morse for extension of patents to be heard by commissioner.

1870, ch. 230. Vol. xvi. p. 198.

Certain persons not to be liable for infringements thereof.