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 im-
provements 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.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXVII. — An Act to authorize the Issuing of a Certificate of Registry to the Brig
"Michael and Anna."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treas-
ury 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.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXVIII. — An Act authorizing an American Register to the British Brig "Isa-
dora," owned by Edwin M. Fowle, of Newton, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treas-
ury 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.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

CHAP. XXXIX. — An Act for the Relief of Lucas, O'Brien, Dickinson, and other Coun-
ties in the State of Iowa.

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.

APPROVED, March 5, 1872.

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

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 jurisdic-
tion over petitions of George W. Morse for the extension of two let-
ters-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 fur-
ther, That any person, firm, or corporation now engaged in the manufac-