Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled * * * * * * *

SEC. 3. That section 4785 of the Revised Statutes is hereby re-enacted and amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4785. No agent or attorney or other person shall demand or receive any other compensation for his services in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than such as the Commissioner of Pensions shall direct to be paid to him, not exceeding $25; nor shall such agent, attorney, or other person demand or receive such compensation, in whole or in part, until such pension or bounty-land claim shall be allowed: *Provided*, That in all claims allowed since June 20, 1878, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions that the fee of $10, or any part thereof, has not been paid, he shall cause the same to be deducted from the pension, and the pension agent to pay the same to the recognized attorney."

SEC. 4. That section 4786 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4786. The agent or attorney of record in the prosecution of the case may cause to be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions duplicate articles of agreement without additional cost to the claimant, setting forth the fee agreed upon by the parties, which agreement shall be executed in the presence of and certified by some officer competent to administer oaths. In all cases where application is made for pension or bounty land, and no agreement is filed with the Commissioner as herein provided, the fee shall be $10 and no more. And such articles of agreement as may hereafter be filed with the Commissioner of Pensions are not authorized, nor will they be recognized except in claims for original pensions, claims for increase of pension on account of a new disability, in claims for restoration where a pensioner's name has been or may hereafter be dropped from the pension rolls on testimony taken by a special examiner, showing that the disability or cause of death, on account of which the pension was allowed, did not originate in the line of duty, and in case of dependent relatives whose names have been or may hereafter be dropped from the rolls on like testimony, upon the ground of non-dependence, and in such other cases of difficulty and trouble as the Commissioner of Pensions may see fit to recognize them: *Provided*, That no greater fee than $10 shall be demanded, received, or allowed in any claim for pension or bounty land granted by special act of Congress, nor in any claim for increase of pension on account of the increase of the disability for which the pension had been allowed: *And provided further*, That no fee shall be demanded, received, or allowed in any claim for arrears of pension or arrears of increase of pension allowed by any act of Congress passed subsequent to the date of the allowance of the original claims in which such arrears of pension or of increase of pension may be allowed."

And if in the adjudication of any claim for pension in which such articles of agreement have been or may hereafter be filed it shall appear that the claimant had, prior to the execution thereof, paid to the attorney any sum for his services in such claim, and the amount so paid is not stipulated therein, then every such claim shall be adjudicated in the same manner as though no articles of agreement had been filed, deducting from the fee of $10 allowed by law such sum as claimant shall show that he has paid to his said attorney.

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding $500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court

APPROVED JULY 4, 1884.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

(Act of Congress, approved July 4, 1884.)

John M. Cuesta
(Name of claimant.)

(Character of claim.)

No. _____

☞ As this may reach the hands of some persons unacquainted with this House, we append hereto, as specimens of the testimonials in our possession, copies of letters from gentlemen of political and military distinction and widely known throughout the United States:

U. S. SENATE CHAMBER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8, 1884.

GEORGE E. LEMON, Esq., Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SIR: Before leaving for home I desire to express to you my high appreciation of the methods used in your business office, resulting as they do in a degree of efficiency that gives to your clients a prompt, careful, and successful management of their personal interests. This is due to the many excellent qualities that distinguish you as a man, and I am glad of the opportunity to assure you of my high esteem.

Very truly, yours,
CHARLES F. MANDERSON, U. S. S.

We regard GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a competent and reliable attorney in pension cases.

JOHN F. MILLER, U. S. S.
JOHN J. INGALLS, U. S. S.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3, 1884.

I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney and worthy lawyer, to whom claimants can entrust their business with assurances that it will be well and honestly attended to.

L. E. ATKINSON, M. C., 18th Pa. District.

GEORGE E. LEMON, Esq.:

I have never had any trouble with pension or other claims prosecuted by your firm, and have uniformly commended you to my soldier constituents and others.

JOHN S. ROBINSON, M. C., 9th Ohio District.

I take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney, and I should be glad to remember him to the soldiers of my district.

T. J. WOOD, M. C., 10th Ind. District.

I believe that GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, is a competent and reliable attorney in pension cases, and one who stands well with the Commissioner of Pensions and Department.

B. W. PERKINS, M. C., Kansas.

I have known something of the manner in which Mr. GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, has conducted his business. I have found him an efficient, attentive, and trustworthy attorney.

A. X. PARKER, M. C., 19th Dist., N. Y.

I take pleasure in recommending Mr. GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a lawyer of good reputation for skill and reliability.

B. M. CUTCHEON, M. C., 9th Dist., Mich.

Attention is also invited to the following from other members of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 3, 1884.

We take pleasure in recommending GEORGE E. LEMON, of this city, as a reliable attorney.

W. S. ROSECRANS, 1st Dist., Cal.
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Important to Former Clients of N. W. Fitzgerald & Co., N. W., S. C., and W. T. Fitzgerald.

Letter of the Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, June 26, 1884.

The Commissioner of Pensions.

SIR: Herewith is transmitted to you a power of attorney from N. W. Fitzgerald, N. W. Fitzgerald & Co., S. C. Fitzgerald, and W. T. Fitzgerald to GEORGE E. LEMON, and a letter of withdrawal of said parties and firm as Pension Attorneys, which, under the circumstances and the good standing of GEORGE E. LEMON, are approved by me.

You will therefore recognize GEORGE E. LEMON as Attorney in all cases heretofore represented by said parties and firm according to the terms of the papers herewith filed with you.

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Very respectfully,
H. M. TELLER, Secretary.

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