

dered to every such witness, such fee or sum as shall defray his traveling expenses to and from, and the expenses of at least one day's attendance at the place of examination.

- XXVI. Whenever an application shall be made for a Patent which in the opinion of the Commissioner, would interfere with any other Patent for which an application may be pending, or with any unexpired Patent which shall have been granted, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to give notice thereof to such applicants or Patentees as the case may be, and if either shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Commissioner on the question of priority of right or invention, on a hearing thereof, he or they may appeal from such decision on the like terms and conditions as are provided in the twenty-third Section of this Act, and the like proceedings shall be had to determine which, or whether either of the applicants is entitled to receive a Patent as prayed for.

Case of interfering applications.

- XXVII. Every applicant for the grant of Letters Patent of Invention desirous of protecting his right till he shall have matured his invention, before proceeding to take out such Letters Patent, may, on payment of the fee hereafter provided, file at the Office of the Commissioner a provisional specification which shall contain a description of the nature of the Invention, setting forth the design and purposes thereof, and its principal and distinguishing characteristics, and every such provisional specification shall be filed in the confidential archives of the Office and preserved in secrecy, and the day of the delivery of every such provisional specification shall be recorded at the said Office and endorsed on said provisional specification, and a certificate thereof given to such applicant, and every such application shall be duly registered.

Provisional protection.

- XXVIII. Every such application shall be referred to the Patent Board subject to the same provisions respecting *experts* or other assistants as are hereinbefore made for completed applications, and if such Board be satisfied that such provisional specification describes the nature of the Invention, they shall allow the same and give a certificate of their allowance, and such certificate shall be filed at the Office of the Commissioner, and thereupon the Invention therein referred to, may, during the term of six months from the date of filing such provisional specification, be used and published without prejudice to any Letters Patent to be granted for the same. Provided always, that in case the title of the Invention or the provisional specification be too large or insufficient, it shall be lawful for the Board to allow or require the same to be amended. And provided, that in case any applicant should require an extension of the time for completing such application, the Board may extend the said term for such period not exceeding three months longer, as to the said Board may seem fit, on sufficient cause being shewn by every such applicant.

Proceedings to obtain.

- XXIX. Every applicant for Letters Patent of Invention, not an alien or non-resident, may, if he think proper, on payment of the fee hereinafter provided, lodge or deposit with the Commissioner a complete specification, description, drawings and model of his invention, subject in every respect to the provisions hereinbefore provided for applications for grants or Patents, and such deposit shall entitle the applicant to protection, called temporary protection, for a term not exceeding three years, at the termination of which period, or at any time previous thereto, the applicant may on payment of the further fee hereinafter provi-

Temporary protection: