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**CHAP. 746.**—An act referring to the Court of Claims the claims for property seized by General Johnston on the Utah expedition for examination and report.

Joseph C. Irwin & Co. C. A. Perry & Co. Claims referred to Court of Claims.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the claims of Joseph C. Irwin and Company and C. A. Perry and Company, freighters, for property claimed to have been taken and impressed into the service of the United States in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, by orders of Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston, in command of the Utah expedition, as well as for property alleged to have been sold to the Government, be, and the same are hereby, referred, with all the papers relating thereto, to the Court of Claims, for adjudication, according to law, on the proofs heretofore presented and such other proofs as may be adduced, and report the same to Congress

Approved, July 8, 1886.

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**CHAP. 747.**—An act to authorize the purchase of a certain tract of land near San Antonio, Texas, and to provide for the sale of the old site of Fort Brady, Michigan, and for a new site and the construction of suitable buildings thereon.

San Antonio, Texas. Secretary of War to purchase tract of land near.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and is, authorized and directed to purchase and to acquire a valid title to, for the United States, a certain tract of land lying in the county of Bexar, in the State of Texas, near the city of San Antonio, consisting of three hundred and ten acres, more or less, and being the same now held by the United States for a drill-ground under a rental contract with John H. Kampmann, and dated July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

Appropriation

SEC. 2. That in order to make said purchase and to acquire said title the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, upon the order of the Secretary of War, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, which is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring a valid title to said tract of land.

Fort Brady military reservation, Michigan, to be sold; exception.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell the military reservation known as Fort Brady, in the village of Sault Sainte Marie, in the State of Michigan, except that portion lying north of Water street extended, which shall be reserved for canal and wharf purposes, and except the plat of ground now occupied as a military cemetery, which shall also be reserved. In disposing of said property the Secretary of War shall cause the grounds to be platted in blocks, streets, and alleys, corresponding as near as may be with the plat of the village of Sault Sainte Marie, and in lots not exceeding one-quarter of an acre in each, unless with due reference to the requirements of the houses and buildings now located on said grounds. The Secretary of War shall also cause the lots to be appraised and sold at public or private sale, at not less than the appraised value, having first been offered at public sale. The expense of advertising, appraisement, survey, and sale shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale, and the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Property to be platted and sold in lots.

Expenses.

Proceeds.

Secretary of War to purchase grounds in or near Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and construct military post called Fort Brady.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War is also authorized to purchase grounds in or near the village of Sault Sainte Marie, suitable and sufficient for fortifications and for garrison purposes and construct thereon the necessary buildings, with appurtenances, sufficient for a four company military post, to be known as Fort Brady, in accordance with estimates to be prepared by the War Department; and a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to comply with the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the title to lands authorized to be purchased under the fourth section of this act shall be approved by the Attorney-General.

Appropriation.

*Proviso.* Title.