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CHAP. 231.—To amend an act entitled 'An act authorizing the Postmaster-General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty,' approved March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

May 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act authorizing the Postmaster-General to adjust certain claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty," approved March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, be and the same is hereby, amended so as to read, as follows:

Postmasters. Claims for losses Vol. 22, p. 29, amended.

That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to investigate all claims of postmasters for the loss of money-order funds, postal-funds, postage-stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and postal cards, belonging to the United States in the hands of such postmasters, resulting from burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty, and if he shall determine that such loss resulted from no fault or negligence on the part of such postmasters, to pay to such postmasters, or credit them with the amount so ascertained to have been lost or destroyed, and also to credit postmasters with the amount of any remittance of money-order funds or postal funds made by them in compliance with the instructions of the Postmaster-General, which shall have been lost or stolen while in transit by mail from the office of the remitting postmaster to the office designated as his depository, or after arrival at such depository office and before the postmaster at such depository office has become responsible therefor: *Provided*, That no claim exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars shall be paid or credited until after the facts shall have been ascertained by the Postmaster-General and reported to Congress, together with his recommendation thereon, and an appropriation made therefor: *And provided further*, That this act shall not embrace any claim for losses as aforesaid which accrued more than fifteen years prior to March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two; and all such claims must be presented to the Postmaster-General within six months from such latter date, except claims for postal funds which may be received, considered and allowed, if presented within six months after the passage of this act, in cases where the postmaster had, at or about the time of the loss, made report thereof to the Post-Office Department or to an inspector or special agent of the Department; and no claim for losses which may hereafter accrue shall be allowed unless presented within six months from the time the loss occurred.

Postmaster-General to investigate claims for losses by casualty.

Provisos. Claims exceeding $2,000 to be reported to Congress.

Limitation as to time of presenting claim.

SEC. 2. That it is hereby made the duty of the Postmaster-General to report his action herein to Congress annually, with his reasons therefor in each particular case.

Report.

Approved, May 9, 1888.

CHAP. 232.—An act to authorize the Kansas Valley Rail Road Company to construct and operate a railway through the Fort Riley military reservation, in Kansas, and for other purposes.

May 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Kansas Valley Railroad Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, be, and the same is hereby, empowered to survey, locate, construct, and maintain a railway, telegraph, and telephone line through that portion of the Fort Riley military reservation situated south and west of the Kansas River, upon such a line as shall be determined and approved by the Secretary of War.

Kansas Valley Railroad Company may build railway, telegraph, and telephone line through Fort Riley Reservation, Kansas.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is authorized to take and use for all purposes of a railway, and for no other purpose, a right of way one hundred feet in width through said Fort Riley military reservation

Width of right of way.