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the payment of compensation to officers or employees who are not citizens of the United States, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the settlement of disbursing officers' accounts, and relieve certifying officers of liability for payments for services rendered by, and for annual and sick leave granted to, Chesley Brazil, of Eugene, Oregon, as an employee of the Bonneville Power Administration, where such payments are otherwise correct and legal.

Refund.

SEC. 2. If credit is allowed in disbursing officers' accounts in accordance with section 1 of this Act, said Chesley Brazil shall not be required to refund the amount thereof.

Appointment.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding any provisions contained in the civil-service laws, rules, or regulations relating to the admission to examination or appointment of aliens, said Chesley Brazil's appointment as an employee of the Bonneville Power Administration is hereby ratified and confirmed and his appointment and period of service shall be treated for all purposes as if he had been at all times a citizen of the United States.

Approved May 15, 1945.

[CHAPTER 125]

AN ACT

May 15, 1945
[S. 174]
[Private Law 68]

For the relief of Mary Martha Withers, as trustee; Mary Martha Withers, as administratrix of the estate of Beatrice Withers, deceased; and Mary Martha Withers, individually.

Mary Martha Withers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, (1) to Mary Martha Withers, as trustee for herself and Myrtle Withers Figgatt and Lochie Withers Giddings under an indenture executed by Beatrice Withers bearing the date of July 14, 1942, the sum of $4,425, in full satisfaction of the claim of such trustee against the United States for compensation for the loss of a building at number 322 North Claybrook Street, Memphis, Tennessee, which was destroyed by fire when a United States Army airplane crashed into such building on April 29, 1944; (2) to Mary Martha Withers, as administratrix of the estate of Beatrice Withers, deceased, the sum of $3,791.93 in full satisfaction of the claim of such estate for compensation for the loss of personal property belonging to the said Beatrice Withers, which was destroyed in such fire; and the sum of $5,000 in full satisfaction of all claims arising out of the death of the said Beatrice Withers as a result of such fire; and (3) to Mary Martha Withers, of Memphis, Tennessee, individually, the sum of $1,734.04, in full satisfaction of her claim against the United States for compensation for the loss of personal property belonging to her, which was destroyed in such fire: *Provided*, That no part of the amounts appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with these claims, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

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