War to examine into the damages sustained by them.

pointed by him, to ascertain whether there has been any failure on the part of the United States in the fulfilment of the contract for erecting fortifications on Dauphin Island: and, if so, to ascertain and report to Congress, at the next session, the amount of damages thus sustained by Richard Harris and Nimrod Farrow, the contractors, by such failure; and also to ascertain and report, whether the said contractors themselves have failed in fulfilling the contract on their part, and the cause of such failure.

Suits now pending to be suspended.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the suits now depending in the Circuit Court, in Virginia, in behalf of the United States, against the said Harris and Farrow, and their securities, shall be suspended till the end of the next Congress, with the written assent of their securities.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

Statute II.
March 3, 1823.

Chap. LXXXIII.—*An Act for the relief of the legal representative of James M'Clung, deceased.*

74 dollars 62 cents to be paid.

Be it enacted, &c., That there shall be paid to the legal representative of James M'Clung, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventy-four dollars and sixty-two cents, being the amount of a final settlement certificate, numbered nine hundred and fifty-nine, issued to the said James M'Clung, and which certificate appears to be outstanding on the books of the treasury, with interest, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight:

Proviso.

Provided, That the said legal representative shall first execute and deliver to the Comptroller of the Treasury a bond of indemnity, in such sum, and with such security, as shall be satisfactory to the said Comptroller.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

Statute II.
March 3, 1823.

Chap. LXXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of John Coffee.*

Accounts for clerk hire to be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized to audit and settle the accounts of John Coffee, surveyor of public lands in Alabama, for clerk hire, previously to the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, on the principles of justice and equity, and to make such allowance as may appear reasonable:

Proviso.

Provided; Such allowance shall not exceed the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, from the commencement of his services as Surveyor General, to the passing of the "Act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the Alabama territory," that being the amount allowed him for clerk hire after the passing of said act.

Act of April 20, 1818, ch. 126.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

Statute II.
March 3, 1823.

Chap. LXXXV.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel Walker and others.*

Certain claims to be paid.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following sums to wit: To Samuel Walker, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars; to Joseph L. Dutton, the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars; and to John Martin, Samuel Peterson, and Hannah Peterson, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars; it being for injuries done to their lands in erecting works of defence, near the town of Marcus Hook, on the Delaware river, in the fall of the year eighteen hundred and fourteen.

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