To James Grant Forbes and Ralph B. Forbes, of New York, on sundry hogsheads, barrels, and seroons of merchandise, consisting of cocoa, coffee, sugar, gum, sarsaparilla, gum guyacum, seeds and bark, exported to Nantz, on board the ship Brutus, Pendergrast, master, and on nine bales cotton, exported to West Indies on board the brig Sussex, Lee, master.

To Joseph Simmons, of Philadelphia, on two hundred bags of coffee, exported on board the ship Golden Age, Nye, master, from Philadelphia to Hamburg.

To Jacob Ritter, Jr., of Philadelphia, on sixty-four canisters of sugar, exported on board the ship Fair American, from Philadelphia to Amsterdam.

To John Laval, of Philadelphia, on two cases of jewelry, exported on board the brig Molly, Lee, master, from Philadelphia to St. Pierre, in Martinique.

To Gray and Taylor, and Samuel Tagert, of Philadelphia, on one hundred and one chests of Congo tea, exported on board the ship Temperance, Captain Burrough, from Philadelphia to Hamburg.

Approved, July 20, 1840.

Statute I.
July 21, 1840.

Chap. XCIX. — *An Act for the relief of Chastelain and Ponvert, and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the port of New York is hereby authorized to deduct from the amount of a bond given by Chastelain and Ponvert, for duties on merchandize imported in the schooner General Jackson, Hawes, master, from Neuvitas, in the island of Cuba, such duties as may have been charged on that portion of said merchandize, which was not landed in the United States, having been destroyed by fire in the harbor of New York, upon their producing proof, to the collector of New York, of the destruction of said merchandize.

Duties charged on goods destroyed by fire to be deducted from a bond.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums to pay the balances of accounts for which no appropriations now exist, and which have been passed upon and allowed by the proper accounting officers of the Government, or are now before them for audit, and for the payment of which, appropriations are recommended by the heads of the proper departments, be, and the same are hereby appropriated, viz:

Appropriations for—

For an award made by the proper accounting officers of the treasury in favor of the owners of the Steamboats Stasca and Dayton, for services rendered under an agreement with Major Charles Thomas, Quartermaster, for the transportation of supplies, laborers and other things, for the use of the works at Fort Smith, Arkansas, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Transportation by certain steamboats.

For payment of a balance due for supplies furnished to the Creek Indians, and medical services rendered to those Indians, after the commencement of the disturbances in the Creek country, and before and during the removal of the said Indians west of the Mississippi, which accounts were incurred under the direction of the proper officers or agents of the Government, seven thousand seven hundred and forty-one dollars and forty-four cents.

Supplies, &c. to the Creek Indians.

For the payment of the expenses of a division of the lands of the Brothertown Indians among the members of the tribe, in obedience to the act of Congress of the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An act for the relief of the Brothertown Indians in the Territory of Wisconsin" the duties having been performed and the accounts presented, one thousand eight hundred and thirty dollars.

Division of lands of Brothertown Ind's. Act of March 3, 1839, ch. 83.

For the payment of an account of Henry Lucas and A. P. King, of

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H. Lucas and A. P. King, for teams and wagons.

the state of Alabama, for the loss and injury sustained by them by the impressment of their teams and wagons into the service of the United States by D. H. Baldwin, Quartermaster-General of the Florida militia, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, a sum not to exceed six thousand and fifty dollars.

Hart and Bosworth, for arms and ammunition.

For the payment of an account of Hart and Bosworth, merchants of Irwinton, Alabama, and of John Hart, merchant of the same place, for stores, arms, and ammunitions, taken for the use of the troops in the service of the United States, by the order of General William Irwin, commandant of the fifth division of the Alabama militia, during the Creek campaign of May, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, a sum not to exceed two thousand three hundred and eleven dollars and ninety cents.

J. H. Craddack.

For the payment of an account of John H. Craddack, of Alabama, for property of his destroyed by the order of Colonel J. T. Lane, an officer in the service of the United States, in the month of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the sum of one hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixty-three cents.

J. Mitchell and B. F. Fox.

For the payment of a balance due to John Mitchell and Benjamin F. Fox, contractors for the erection of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, as admitted by and recommended from, the accounting officers of the treasury, a sum not to exceed eight thousand five hundred and eighty-eight dollars and fifty-five cents.

Surveys.

For the payment of balances due for military and geographical surveys west of the Mississippi, and north of the state of Missouri, made under the direction of the War Department, and the accounts for which are now before the proper accounting officers for settlement, a sum not to exceed sixteen thousand dollars. For the payment of Charles Gordon agreeably to the certificate of the Committee on Public lands for services rendered by him in making maps, twenty-one hundred dollars.

C. Gordon, for making maps.

A. Davezac, Chargé d'Affaires at the Hague.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there be paid to Auguste Davezac, late Chargé d'Affaires of the United States at the Hague, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and eight cents, it being the balance due to him, as acting Chargé d'Affaires, between the twenty-fourth day of May and the fifteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, after deducting therefrom the pay of Secretary of Legation during that period, which he has already received.

W. D. Jones, for diplomatic services at Mexico.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of eleven thousand three hundred and sixty dollars and ninety-five cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to William D. Jones, in full for diplomatic services rendered to the United States at the Government of Mexico, from the twenty-eighth of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, to the seventh of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine.

N. Niles allowed the outfit, &c. of a Chargé d'Affaires, after deducting, &c.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That there be paid to Nathaniel Niles, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same outfit, salary, and allowances, as though he had been regularly commissioned as a Chargé d'Affaires to Sardinia, from the seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, until the eighteenth of June eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, that being the termination of his special mission to Sardinia, during which period he negotiated the subsisting treaty between the United States and the King of Sardinia, deducting therefrom the amount of the salary and contingent expenses which he has already received during the same period, as special agent to Austria and Sardinia.

Payment to M. St. Clair Clarke and P. Force for the Documentary History.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, in part payment for the expense incurred by Matthew St. Clair Clarke, and Peter Force, and for work done by them in publishing the second and third volumes of

the Documentary History of the American Revolution, and for collecting materials for publishing said history: *Provided*, That the sum hereby appropriated shall not be considered as giving any sanction whatever, by Congress, to any contract alleged to have been entered into between the said Clarke and Force, and Edward Livingston, the late Secretary of State, under the act of March second eighteen hundred and thirty-three, providing for the publication of said history: *And provided, further*, That the sum hereby appropriated shall not be regarded by Clarke and Force as any encouragement given to them for proceeding either in the collection of further materials, or in any way for continuing said history—but the sum so appropriated is made upon the expectation that Congress will, at its next session, resume the consideration of this subject, with a view to putting an end to any further publication of said history at the expense of the United States, agreeable to a joint resolution which has been adopted by Congress at its present session.

Proviso.

1833, ch. 78. Proviso.

Act of July 7, 1838, ch. 169, sec. 3, revived.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the third section of the act of July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled "An act to provide for the support of the Military Academy of the United States for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby revived and continued in force for the year eighteen hundred and forty, and until otherwise directed by law.

Appropriations for repairs, &c. of the Capitol.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use and repair of the public buildings; viz:

For repairing two cupolas, on the north wing of the Capitol, three hundred dollars.

For removing two cupola sashes over the principal stairway and vestibule leading to the hall of the House of Representatives, three hundred and ninety-two dollars.

For preparing panels of the rotunda with curtains for the reception of the paintings, five hundred and forty-two dollars.

For repairing chimney stacks of the Capitol, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For cost of preparing suitable foundation for supporting the Colossal Statue of Washington, in the centre of the rotunda of the Capitol, two thousand dollars.

Commiss'r of public buildings to report to Congress, &c.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings, make to Congress, annually, at the commencement of the year, a report of the manner in which all appropriations for the public buildings and grounds have been applied.

Estimates, &c. to be submitted to the committee thereon.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all the estimates of the public buildings and grounds, shall hereafter be submitted by the Commissioner of Public Buildings to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to be examined and approved by them, before they are reported to the House.

Duties of commiss'r of public buildings.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Buildings to form all the contracts and to disburse all the moneys for materials furnished or labor performed, for the public buildings, and that he shall receive for all his services, the same compensation, as is allowed by law, to the Commissioners of Patents.

Appropriation for expenses of certain Alabama volunteers.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one thousand one hundred and twenty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to defray the expenses of calling into service Captain Snodgrass's company of Alabama volunteers to serve as a guard

in accompanying a party of emigrating Cherokees from Bellante to Waterloo, in the state of Alabama.

Appropriation to enable P. M. Gen. to comply with resolutions of 23d June 1840.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Postmaster-General to comply with the resolutions of the House of Representatives passed twenty-third of June eighteen hundred and forty, which were reported on the twenty-fifth of May by the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

Approved, July 21, 1840.

Statute I.

July 21, 1840.

Chap. C.—*An Act for the relief of Hyacinth Lassel.*

1844, ch. 152.

A certificate authorizing him to enter certain land, to issue.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall issue to Hyacinth Lassel (named in the schedule of grants annexed to the treaty made with the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians, on the seventeenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, near the mouth of the Mississinniwa, upon the Wabash, in the state of Indiana) a certificate under the seal of said land office, authorizing him, the said Hyacinth Lassel, to locate five hundred and sixty acres of land in one tract, at any land office in the state of Indiana; he, the said Lassel, paying the minimum price fixed for such lands, for eighteen acres and forty-six hundredths of an acre, part and parcel of said tract of five hundred and sixty acres.

Such certificate to be receivable for land.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That such certificate of the Commissioner of the General Land Office aforesaid, shall be receivable, from the said Hyacinth Lassel, at any land office in said state of Indiana, at any time prior to the fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, or from the heirs or assigns of the said Hyacinth Lassel, in payment, according to the provisions of the first section of this act: *Provided, however*, That the entry and location hereby authorized, shall not be made on any lands within the limits of the grant made to the state of Indiana for the Wabash and Erie Canal; nor on the alternate sections reserved to the United States in said grant; nor on any lands selected by the state of Indiana for the purposes of said Canal.

Proviso.

Approved, July 21, 1840.

RESOLUTIONS.

May 16, 1840.

No. 2. *Joint Resolution for the relief of Masterton and Smith, and for other purposes.*

Preamble.

Whereas, the contractors for furnishing the marble, and building the same in the erection of the new building now erecting for the use of the General Post Office Department, are unable to complete the said work within the time specified in their contract, owing to causes not now within their control, and

Whereas the public interest will be promoted by an extension of the time for the fulfilment of the contract by the contractors; therefore,

Certain contracts extended, &c.

Be it resolved, &c., That the contractors aforesaid have the time for completing their contracts extended until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-one; and that all other contractors for material, or work for said Post Office building, have a proportional extension of time if the Postmaster-General shall deem it expedient or necessary:

Proviso.

Provided, That all contractors be liable to all penalties, restrictions and reservations provided for, and covenanted to be made and kept in their present contracts, except as to time, anything in this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.