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[CHAPTER 78]

AN ACT

May 19, 1947
[S. 273]
[Public Law 72]

To limit the time within which the General Accounting Office shall make final settlement of the monthly or quarterly accounts of fiscal officers, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, effective three years after the date of enactment of this Act, the monthly or quarterly accounts of any disbursing, accountable, or certifying officer of the Government shall be settled by the General Accounting Office within a period of not to exceed three years from the date of the receipt of the account by the General Accounting Office. A copy of the certificate of settlement in each case shall be sent to the officer involved and such settlement shall be final and conclusive on the General Accounting Office after the expiration of three years from the date of receipt of the account to the extent that no further charges or debts shall be raised in such account thereafter except as to moneys which have been or may be lost to the United States due to fraud or criminality on the part of said officer: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit recovery from any payee of public moneys illegally or erroneously paid to such payee or to preclude the recovery from the disbursing, accountable, or certifying officer or his surety of any balance found due the Government under a settlement made within the period of three years as herein provided: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall be construed to deprive any such officer of his right at any time to clear his accounts of questioned items in accordance with the provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That the period of limitation above prescribed shall be regarded as suspended for the duration of any future war in which the United States may be engaged.

Period for settlement of monthly or quarterly accounts by GAO.

Certificate of settlement.

Recovery of illegal payments, etc.

Clearance of questioned items.

Suspension.

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[CHAPTER 79]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 73]

Authorizing the reduction of certain accrued interest charges payable by the Farmers' Irrigation District, North Platte project.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized in administering the North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming, to enter into a contract modifying the contract of July 15, 1927, heretofore entered into pursuant to the Act of February 21, 1911 (36 Stat. 925), between the United States and the Farmers' Irrigation District, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, whereby the said district shall be relieved and excused of the obligation to pay $59,853, representing part of the accrued interest due the United States from the district pursuant to the terms of article 2 (c) of said contract of July 15, 1927: *Provided*, That the district agrees, on terms satisfactory to the Secretary, to operate and maintain the several drain diversion works now or hereafter to be constructed emptying waste, seepage, and return flow waters into the district's canal.

Farmers' Irrigation District, North Platte project.

43 U. S. C. §§ 523-525.

Operation, etc., of drain diversion works.

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