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section, and the Comptroller General has recognized "that such employment was due solely to the erroneous construction placed upon the controlling statutes by the administrative office".

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Erik H. Lindman, the sum of $4,447.01. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said Erik H. Lindman against the United States for retired pay for the period beginning on August 1, 1942, and ending on January 31, 1945, both dates inclusive. Although such sum is due and unpaid, the Comptroller General has ruled that such sum should be applied in partial liquidation of the indebtedness asserted under the Act referred to in the first section: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this section 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 this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved June 21, 1950.

[CHAPTER 343]

AN ACT

To reimburse the Stebbins Construction Company.

June 21, 1950
[S. 1769]
[Private Law 567]

Stebbins Construction Co.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma to hear, determine, and render findings of fact as to the amount of loss, if any, sustained by Stebbins Construction Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Reclamation Bureau contract numbered 12–r–15914 arising out of and attributable to the alleged failure of the Government to supply materials as provided for in said contract.

The court shall cause such findings to be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the amount set forth in said findings to the Stebbins Construction Company: *Provided*, That the passage of this Act shall not be construed as an inference of liability on the part of the Government of the United States.

Approved June 21, 1950.

[CHAPTER 346]

AN ACT

For the relief of Samuel W. Poorvu.

June 23, 1950
[H. R. 697]
[Private Law 568]

Samuel W. Poorvu.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $8,288.45 to Samuel W. Poorvu, of Boston, Massachusetts, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for expenses incurred in connection with the leasing of quarters for Wellesley Branch of the post office at Boston, Massachusetts: *Provided*, That no part of the amount 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 this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding.