March 29, 1850.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act to carry into Effect the Convention between the United States and the Emperor of Brazil, of the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.*

Commissioner o be appointed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint one commissioner, whose duty it shall be to receive, examine, and decide upon all such claims as may be presented to him, and provided for by the convention between the United States and the Emperor of Brazil, concluded at Rio Janeiro, the twenty-seventh day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, according to the merits of the several cases, and the principles of justice and equity, the law of nations, and the stipulations of the said convention. And there shall also be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a clerk to act under the commissioner in the performance of the duties prescribed by this act. And the commissioner and clerk shall, before entering on their offices, severally take an oath well and faithfully to perform the duties thereof.

Clerk to be appointed.

Oath.

Commissioner authorized to make rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioner shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to make all needful rules and regulations, not contravening the laws of the land, or the provisions of the said convention, or this act for carrying the said commission into effect.

Department of State to deliver records, &c., to the commissioner.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all records, documents, or other papers which now are in, or hereafter, during the continuance of this commission, may come into, the possession of the Department of State, in relation to the said claims, shall be delivered to the commissioner aforesaid.

Commissioner to organize the commission, execute the duties confided to him, and make publication, in Washington and other newspapers, of his appointment to examine and decide said claims.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner to be appointed under this act shall, forthwith after his appointment, attend at the city of Washington, and organize the commission, and proceed to execute the duties hereby confided to him, and shall give notice in one or more newspapers published in the city of Washington, and in such other newspapers published elsewhere as he may deem necessary, of his appointment to examine and decide the said claims, and requiring the claimants to produce their claims and evidence; and when the said claims are presented, he shall proceed with all convenient despatch to consider the same, and the evidence relating thereto, allowing time for the production of additional evidence as he shall consider reasonable and just; and thereafter shall decide the same, and award the ratable proportions of the several claimants in the sums of money and interest to be received under the stipulations of the convention aforesaid; and within one year from the time of the attendance of the said commissioner in the city of Washington, and organizing the commission, he shall complete and terminate the duties of the said commission.

Moneys payable from Brazilian government to be received by Secretary of the Treasury, and appropriated to pay the awards to claimants.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the moneys and interest thereon, payable to the United States in pursuance of the said convention, to be duly received from the imperial government of Brazil, and transferred to the United States in such manner as he may deem most advantageous and best, and the net proceeds thereof to be deposited in the Treasury, and the same are hereby appropriated to pay the awards in favor of the claimants herein provided for.

On the termination of the commission, a list of the awards to be reported to the Secretary of State, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That on the termination of the commission, the commissioner shall report to the Secretary of State a list of the awards made by him, a certified copy of which shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall, from time to time, as they may be received, distribute in rateable proportion among the persons in whose favor the awards shall have been made, all sums of money received into the treasury of the

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United States, in virtue of the said convention and this act, according to the proportion which the respective awards bear to the whole amount received, first deducting such sums of money as may be due to the United States from persons in whose favor the awards shall be made. And the said Secretary of the Treasury shall cause certificates to be issued in such form as he shall prescribe, showing the proportion to which each claimant may be entitled of the amount to be received, and on the presentation of the said certificates at the treasury, as the net proceeds of the sums to be received under the convention and this act may be received, the proportions thereof shall be paid to the legal holders of the said certificates.

How distributed.

Certificates to be issued.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensation of the commissioner and clerk shall be as follows: To the commissioner at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum; and to the clerk at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, to commence from the time of the attendance of the commissioner in the city of Washington, and the organizing of the commission, and to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such provision for the contingent expenses of the commission as he may deem proper.

Commissioner's salary, $3,000; clerk, $2,000.

President authorized to make provision for the contingent expenses of the commission.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as the commission shall be executed and completed, the records, documents, and all other papers relating to the claims in the possession of the commissioner or clerk, shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Records, etc., to be returned to Department of State.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force one year, and no longer.

To continue one year

Approved, March 29, 1850.

Chap. X. — *An Act to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

May 15, 1850.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

To supply deficiencies for 1850.

Treasury Department. —

In the office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Office of Secretary of the Treasury.

For salary of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, from the twelfth of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, and for the clerk in aid of said Assistant Secretary from the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, six thousand one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and sixty-one cents.

Assistant Secretary.
Clerk.

In the office of the Commissioner of Customs.

For salary of the Commissioner of Customs, from the seventeenth of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, three thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars.

Commissioner of Customs.

For salary of chief clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Customs, from the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, at the rate of one thousand seven hundred dollars per annum, one thousand seven hundred dollars.

Chief clerk.

For salaries of five additional clerks in the office of the Commis-

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