

ized to settle their accounts upon principles of justice and equity.

Appropriation.

ples of equity, the accounts of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, so far as they are original contractors, for making the Cumberland road, and so far as they contracted to make the said road, or any part thereof, different from the original contract, and for keeping the same in repair; and to pay any balance that may be found due to them, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 29, 1848.

April 4, 1848.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act to provide for the Compensation of Samuel Leech, for Services in the Investigation of suspended Sales in the Mineral Point District, Wisconsin.*

\$550 to be paid him in full for services performed by him under instructions from General Land Office.

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 to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Samuel Leech, the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for services performed by him pursuant to instructions from the General Land Office, in taking testimony at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, during the past year; and for making a report in the cases of entry in that land district, in which patents have been withheld, on account of alleged frauds in making said entries.

APPROVED, April 4, 1848.

April 3, 1848.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act granting a Pension to Patrick Walker.*

A pension of \$40 per month, granted to Patrick Walker in lieu of the pension he now receives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be allowed and paid Patrick Walker, a soldier of the first regiment of artillery in the war with Mexico, a pension at the rate of forty dollars per month, in lieu of the pension he now receives, to commence on the twenty-eighth of October last, and to continue for one year; the said Walker having lost his right arm, and nearly the whole of his left hand, by a cannon-ball, in the action at Churubusco, on the twentieth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, April 8, 1848.

April 12, 1848.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of George Fisher, deceased.*

The Second Auditor to examine and adjust their claims on principles of equity and justice, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Second Auditor of the Treasury of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to examine and adjust the claims of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased, on principles of equity and justice, and having due regard to the proofs, for the value of property taken or destroyed by the troops of the United States engaged in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen; and that the said legal representatives be paid for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amount found due to be paid them.

Losses caused by United States troops and Indians, respectively, to be apportioned in such manner as to afford a fair and full indemnity for losses caused by said troops.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if it shall be found impracticable for the claimants to furnish distinct proof as to the specific quantity of property respectively taken or destroyed by the troops and by the Indians, it shall be lawful for the said accounting officer to apportion the losses caused by said troops and Indians respectively, in such manner as from the proofs he may think just and equitable, so as to afford a fair and full indemnity for all losses and injuries occasioned by said troops, and allow the claimants accordingly: