

exceeding in the aggregate the sum of one thousand and eighty-one dollars, being the value of property forcibly taken from them by the Pawnee Indians at or near the head of Grand Island, on the Platte or Nebraska River; and that the sum of one thousand and eighty-one dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose aforesaid.

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respective losses, not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,081.

CHAP. XLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Bank of [the] Metropolis.*

March 2, 1847.

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 to the Bank of the Metropolis the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars and ninety-four cents, with interest thereon from the sixth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight; which sum and interest, in an action commenced by the United States, at the instance of the Post-Office Department, in the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, for the county of Washington, against the said bank, to recover the amount of money therein on deposit at the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, for the service of said department, and in which action the said bank filed, by way of set-off, certain demands arising from acceptances of said department in favor of certain contractors, discounted and held by the bank, and protested for non-payment, and also a certain demand arising from an overdraft made on said bank by the agent for disbursing the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of said Post-Office Department, was found by the jury, under instructions from the court, to be due from the United States to the said bank; and on which finding, a writ of error was taken by the United States from the judgment of the said court, and the said judgment affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, at January term, eighteen hundred and forty-one.

Secretary of the Treasury directed to pay Bank of Metropolis \$3,371 94, with interest from 6th March, 1838.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Treasurer of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to credit the said Bank of the Metropolis for the amounts charged by it in his account therewith, for the service of the said Post-Office Department, under date of the tenth day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, the same being the amounts of said set-offs, so established in said action, as follows, to wit:

Treasurer directed to credit the Bank of Metropolis for the amounts charged by it in his account therewith as follows.

For one acceptance in favor of James Reeside, contractor, dated seventeenth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at ninety days, for four thousand five hundred dollars, with interest to tenth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and cost of protest, four thousand nine hundred and sixty-six dollars, and seventy-five cents.

For acceptance in favor of James Reeside.

For one acceptance in favor of James Reeside, contractor, dated twentieth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at ninety days, for one thousand dollars, with interest to tenth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and cost of protests, one thousand one hundred and five dollars and twenty-five cents.

For acceptance in favor of James Reeside, dated October 20, 1835, for \$1,000, &c., \$1,105 25.

For one acceptance in favor of James Reeside, contractor, dated twenty-third October, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at ninety days, for four thousand five hundred dollars, with interest to tenth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and cost of protest, four thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents.

For acceptance in favor of James Reeside, dated October 23, 1835, for \$4,500, &c., \$4,969 75.

For one acceptance in favor of James Reeside, contractor, dated twenty-eighth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at ninety days, for three thousand dollars, with interest to tenth October,

For acceptance in favor of James Reeside, dated October 28, 1835,

for \$3,000, &c.,
\$3,321 25.

For acceptance
in favor of Edwin
Porter, dated 24
April, 1835, for
\$10,000, &c.,
\$11,355 08.

For overdraft
by Edmund F.
Brown.

Auditor for the
Post-Office De-
partment to al-
low a corres-
ponding credit
to the Treasurer.

Amount to be
reimbursed to
Treasurer.

Amounts of
acceptances to
be charged to
contractors.

Amount of
overdraft to be
charged to said
agent.

eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and cost of protest, three thousand three hundred and twenty-one dollars and twenty-five cents.

For one acceptance in favor of Edwin Porter, dated twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, at ninety days, for ten thousand dollars, with interest to tenth October, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and cost of protest, eleven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, and eight cents.

For overdraft of Edmund F. Brown, agent for disbursing the contingent fund of the Post-Office Department, six hundred and eleven dollars and fifty-two cents.

And that the auditor of the treasury for the Post-Office Department be, and he is hereby, directed to allow a corresponding credit to the said treasurer for the amounts so to be charged in his account for the service of the said department.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount of the said five acceptances of the said department, for which it was adjudged by the said Circuit and Supreme Courts that the United States were liable in law, and for which it appeared no service had been rendered by the said contractors to the said department, and the amount of the overdraft of said agent, in respect to a fund not chargeable to the revenues of said department, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to reimburse and pay to the said treasurer less the said sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars and ninety-four cents, directed to be paid by the first section of this act, in order that the said amount may be replaced to his credit in the proper depository for the service of the Post-Office Department, and that the said sums, so to be paid to the said bank and reimbursed to the Treasurer of the United States, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said auditor of the treasury for the Post-Office Department be, and he is hereby, directed to charge the amounts of the said acceptances to the contractors, respectively, in whose favor they were severally given; and that the comptroller of the treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to charge the amount of the said overdraft to the said agent for disbursing the contingent fund of the Post-Office Department.

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CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act confirming the Claim of the Heirs and legal Representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a Tract of Land.*

Claim of heirs
of Pierre Du-
fresne to a tract
of land confirm-
ed.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Pierre Dufresne to a tract of land situate on the Bayou Siard, in the State of Louisiana, containing six acres in front, with a depth of forty acres, bounded on the west by the lands of Francis Duval, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That the said confirmation shall amount only to a relinquishment of all the right and claim of the United States to the said tract of land: *And provided, also*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the claim or claims of any individual or individuals, or of any body politic or corporate.

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