

February 7, 1903.

[Public, No. 66.]

**CHAP. 515.**—An Act For the relief of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Charleston, lost in the Philippine Islands November second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

U. S. S. "Charleston."  
Payment to officers  
and crew of.

*Proviso.*  
Proof of losses.

Payments restricted.  
ed.

R. S., sec. 290, p. 48.

Full satisfaction of  
all claims.

Time limit for pre-  
senting of claims.

Deductions of prior  
payments.

R. S., secs. 298, 299,  
290, p. 48.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to reimburse the officers and crew of the United States steamship Charleston, destroyed on a coral reef off Camiguin Island, in the Philippines, November second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for losses incurred by them, respectively, in the destruction of said vessel, there shall be paid to each of said officers and crew or to the personal representatives of any which may be deceased, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to the losses so sustained by them: *Provided,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury shall in all cases require a schedule and certificate from each person making a claim under this Act, such schedule to be approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who may require other satisfactory proof of said losses, and reimbursements shall be made for such losses as are of a character and value suitable and appropriate to the rank, rating, or duty of the person suffering such loss: *Provided, however,* That in no case shall the aggregate sum allowed any claimant or person for such loss exceed the value of such articles of personal property as were required by the United States Naval Regulations in force at the time of such loss, and there shall be deducted therefrom any sum heretofore paid any of them under section two hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes.

**SEC. 2.** That the relief granted by the provisions of this Act shall be in full satisfaction of any and all claims whatever against the United States on account of losses by the destruction of the United States steamship Charleston, and any claim which shall be presented and acted upon under the authority of this Act shall be held to be finally determined, and shall not in any manner thereafter be reopened, reconsidered, supplemented, nor be subject to appeal in any form.

**SEC. 3.** That no claim for losses by reason of the destruction of said vessel not heretofore presented shall be allowed under the provisions of this Act which shall not be presented within two years after the date of its passage.

**SEC. 4.** That any amounts that have been paid under sections two hundred and eighty-eight, two hundred and eighty-nine, and two hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes shall be deducted in the settlement of all claims under this Act.

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**CHAP. 516.**—An Act For the improvement and care of Confederate Mound, in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, and making an appropriation therefor.

Oak Woods Ceme-  
tery, Chicago, Ill.  
Contract for improv-  
ing "Confederate  
Mound," authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of expense.

Contract for care,  
etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter into a contract with the Oak Woods Cemetery Association for the improvement and ornamentation of the plot of ground owned by the United States and known as "Confederate Mound," located in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, in which are buried twelve Union and four thousand and thirty-nine Confederate soldiers, who died at Camp Douglas during the war of the rebellion, so as to bring the condition of the said plot of ground up to the standard of the improvements in the cemetery surrounding it: *Provided,* That the expense of such improvement shall not exceed the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

**SEC. 2.** That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized from time to time to enter into contract with the Oak Woods Ceme-

tery Association for the proper care, protection, and maintenance of the said plot of ground known as "Confederate Mound" and described in section one of this Act: *Provided, however*, That the annual expense thereof shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 3. That to defray the expenses of the improvement provided for in section one of this Act the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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*Proviso.*  
Limit of expense.  
Appropriation.

**CHAP. 517.**—An Act To cancel certain taxes assessed against the Kall tract.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the award and assessment of benefits of fourteen thousand dollars, made by the jury, and confirmed by the court, against four certain parcels of land known as the Kall tract, which are more particularly described in a certain petition and plat attached thereto, filed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, holding a district court for said District, which proceeding is entitled "In re extension of S, Twenty-second, and Decatur streets, numbered five hundred and forty-nine," be, and the same hereby is, annulled, canceled, and for naught held; and said land and every part thereof is forever released and discharged from the lien created by said assessment, and from the payment of said assessment; and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are directed to strike the same from the tax books.

District of Columbia.  
Assessment against Kall tract for benefits, canceled.

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**CHAP. 518.**—An Act To correct errors in dates of original appointments of Captain James J. Hornbrook and others.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That with a view to correct errors in dates of original appointments, upon their graduation from the United States Military Academy, the President is hereby authorized to cause the names of Captains James J. Hornbrook, William F. Clark, and Samuel G. Jones, of the cavalry, to appear upon the lineal list of captains of cavalry, in the order above named, next below that of Captain Frank M. Caldwell.

Army.  
Lineal rank of Captains James J. Hornbrook, William F. Clark, and Samuel G. Jones corrected.

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**CHAP. 527.**—An Act To provide for an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York.

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*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 an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the southern district of New York, who shall reside in said district, and who shall possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same salary as the present district judge of said district.

United States courts.  
Additional judge southern district of New York authorized. R. S., sec. 551, p. 93. Post, p. 1064.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effect.

Approved, February 9, 1903.