

**CHAP. 67.**—An act to pay the First National Bank of Saint Albans, in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, the value of certain United States Treasury notes held by said bank as financial agent of the United States, and forcibly taken therefrom by raiders from Canada, in October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

April 20, 1876.

*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 First National Bank of Saint Albans, at Saint Albans, in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, late financial agent and designated depository of public moneys of the United States, (under section forty-five of the national-currency act, approved June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,) the sum of twenty-eight thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount of United States seven and three-tenths Treasury notes held by said bank as such financial agent of the United States for delivery to subscribers therefor, and belonging to the United States, and having been forcibly seized and taken away by an armed band of raiders from Canada, acting under the military authority and direction of the so-called Confederate States of America, on the nineteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, without the fault or neglect of the officers of said bank.

Payment to First National Bank of Saint Albans.

1864, ch. 106, 13 Stat., 113.

R. S., 5153, p. 1002.

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*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

T. W. FERRY

*President of the Senate pro tempore*

Received by the President April 8, 1876.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

**CHAP. 71.**—An act for continuing the work of improving the Capitol Grounds.

April 21, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for continuing the work of the improvement of the Capitol Grounds during the present fiscal year, the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol.

Appropriation. Capitol Grounds.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

**CHAP. 72.**—An act to confirm pre-emption and homestead entries of public lands within the limits of railroad-grants in cases where such entries have been made under the regulations of the Land Department.

April 21, 1876.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all pre-emption and homestead entries, or entries in compliance with any law of the United States, of the public lands, made in good faith, by actual settlers, upon tracts of land of not more than one hundred and sixty acres each, within the limits of any land-grant, prior to the time when notice of the withdrawal of the lands embraced in such grant was received at the local land-office of the district in which such lands are situated, or after their restoration to market by order of the General Land-Office, and where the pre-emption and homestead laws have been complied with, and proper proofs thereof have been made by the parties holding such tracts or parcels, they shall be confirmed, and patents for the same shall issue to the parties entitled thereto. SEC. 2. That when at the time of such withdrawal

Entries of lands within limits of land-grant prior to notice of withdrawal of lands.