

December 28, 1922.  
[H. R. 5349.]  
[Public, No. 374.]

**CHAP. 16.**—An Act To amend the Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to settle claims for damages to private property arising from collisions with naval vessels.

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Collisions with ves-  
sels of the.  
Vol. 36, p. 607, amend-  
ed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provision contained in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriation for the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes," approved June 24, 1910 (Public, Numbered 261, Sixty-first Congress, second session), authorizing the Secretary of the Navy "to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine the amounts due on all claims for damages where the amount of the claim does not exceed the sum of \$500, hereafter occasioned by collision, for which collisions vessels of the Navy shall be found to be responsible, and report the amounts so determined to be due the claimants to Congress at each session thereof through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor," be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows, namely:

Secretary to adjust  
claims for damages.  
Limit increased.

"The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine the amounts due on all claims for damages occasioned since the 6th day of April, 1917, where the amount of the claim does not exceed the sum of \$3,000, occasioned by collisions or damage incident to the operation of vessels for which collisions or other damage vessels of the Navy or vessels in the Naval Service shall be found to be responsible, and report the amounts so ascertained and determined to be due the claimants to the Congress through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor."

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**CHAP. 17.**—An Act To provide a method for the settlement of claims arising against the Government of the United States in sums not exceeding \$1,000 in any one case.

Damages, etc., to  
private property.  
Terms construed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when used in this Act the terms "department and establishment" and "department or establishment" mean any executive department or other independent establishment of the Government; the word "employee" shall include enlisted men in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Claims for, subse-  
quent to April 6, 1917,  
to be adjusted by  
head of department,  
etc., causing.

**SEC. 2.** That authority is hereby conferred upon the head of each department and establishment acting on behalf of the Government of the United States to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine any claim accruing after April 6, 1917, on account of damages to or loss of privately owned property where the amount of the claim does not exceed \$1,000, caused by the negligence of any officer or employee of the Government acting within the scope of his employment. Such amount as may be found to be due to any claimant shall be certified to Congress as a legal claim for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor, together with a brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed: *Provided,* That no claim shall be considered by a department or other independent establishment unless presented to it within one year from the date of the accrual of said claim.

Certification to Con-  
gress.

*Proviso.*  
Time limit for pre-  
senting.

Acceptance deemed  
settlement in full.

**SEC. 3.** That acceptance by any claimant of the amount determined under the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be in full