

erroneously made and collected, as follows: Andrew F. Cutler, \$153.80; Alice Sorrell Johns, \$168.95; Nettie Stinson LaVatta, \$146.62; Earl Edmund Cutler, \$159.20; Charles Faulkner, \$145.25; Josephine LaVatta Rumas, \$155.20; May Phyllis LaVatta Brower, \$29.90; Leonard I. Cutler, \$135.85; Effie Diggie Houtz, \$122.75; Lucy Yandell Spencer, \$25; Charles Gerard Cutler, \$121.53; and Hattie Sorrell Siler Tillotson, \$55.50.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.

SEC. 10. There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the relocating, rehabilitating, cleaning, and extending of irrigation systems serving the lands irrigated from Ross Fork, Bannock, and Lincoln Creeks, which lands are outside of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, including the construction of a storage reservoir on Bannock Creek. The costs of any work benefiting Indian lands performed pursuant to this authorization shall be apportioned on a per acre basis and collected under laws applicable to Indian irrigable lands on the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project. Operation and maintenance charges against such lands shall likewise be subject to the same laws, rules, and regulations as apply to Indian lands on the Fort Hall project. Any unpaid charges against such lands shall be subject to a first lien as provided in the Act of March 7, 1928 (45 Stat. 200, 210). No expenditure shall be made under this authorization which will benefit lands in non-Indian ownership unless the owners thereof execute contracts providing for the repayment of their proportionate per acre share of the costs of the work assessable against their lands.

Liquidation of de-  
linquent assessments.

SEC. 11. In order to prevent the accumulation of delinquent project assessments or other charges against the non-Indian-owned lands of the Fort Hall Indian irrigation project, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to cause liquidation of all delinquent assessments or charges by taking such action as may be necessary, including the foreclosure of the Government's lien covering any such delinquent charges or by initiating such other procedure as may be legally available, which action may be taken by him at any time when in his judgment the best interests of the project would be served thereby.

SEC. 12. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved June 30, 1948.

[CHAPTER 768]

AN ACT

To continue the Virgin Islands Company as an agency of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Virgin Islands Company shall continue as an agency of the United States until the close of business June 30, 1949. It is authorized to borrow from the Treasury of the United States, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall loan to it upon the request of its president, such sums as may be required to carry out its operations until such date, not exceeding in the aggregate \$950,000. Each loan shall bear interest at a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the current average rate on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States as of the last day of the month preceding the making of the loan.

Approved June 30, 1948.

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[H. R. 5904]  
[Public Law 855]

Virgin Islands Co.

Loan authorized.  
*Post*, p. 1193.