

the Army of the Cumberland, out of the proceeds of the sales of any condemned ordnance or ordnance stores, the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, to be used in the erection of a statue or monument at Washington, District of Columbia, to the memory of General James A. Garfield.

Approved, March 11, 1882.

**CHAP. 32.**—An act authorizing and directing the purchase by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the public use, of the property known as the Freedman's Bank, and the real estate and parcels of ground adjacent thereto, belonging to the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, and located on Pennsylvania avenue, between Fifteenth and Fifteenth-and-a-half streets, Washington, District of Columbia.

Mar. 11, 1882.

*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase, for the use of the United States, all those lots and parcels of ground, with the improvements thereon, situated in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on Pennsylvania avenue, between Fifteenth and Fifteenth-and-a-half streets, and belonging to the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, known and described in the original deeds of conveyance to the said Freedman's Savings and Trust Company as the west half of lot numbered three, all of lots numbered four, five, six, and seven, and the south half of lot numbered eight, in square numbered two hundred and twenty-one, as laid out and recorded in the original plat or plan of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, at a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be paid and by him placed to the credit of the commissioners of the said Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, or their successors, on the books of the Treasurer of the United States, for distribution among its creditors, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon proof of a perfect title and the execution to the United States of a deed good and sufficient in law, and in form approved by the Attorney-General; and said sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Purchase by Secretary of the Treasury of Freedman's Bank, etc.

Description of property.

Appropriation.

Title.

Approved, March 11, 1882.

**CHAP. 41.**—An act authorizing the Postmaster-General to adjust certain claims of Postmasters for loss by Burglary, Fire, or other unavoidable casualty.

Mar. 17, 1882.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to investigate all claims of Postmasters for the loss of money-order funds, postage-stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and postal cards belonging to the United States in the hands of such Postmasters, resulting from burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty, and if he shall determine that such loss resulted from no fault or negligence on the part of such Postmasters, to pay to such Postmasters or credit them with the amount so ascertained to have been lost or destroyed, and also to credit Postmasters with the amount of any remittance of money-order funds made by them, in compliance with the instructions of the Postmaster-General, which shall have been lost or stolen while in transit by mail from the office of the remitting Postmaster to the office designated as his depository: *Provided,* That no claim exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars shall be paid or credited until after the facts shall have been ascertained by the Postmaster General and reported to Congress, together with his recommendation thereon, and an appropriation made therefor: *And provided further,* That this act shall not embrace any claim for losses as aforesaid which accrued more than fifteen years prior to its passage;

Postmasters' claims for losses by fire, etc.;

Payment to postmasters, or, credit in account.

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