

last and the current fiscal years, five thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and forty-five cents.

For six swords,  
\$9000.

For the six swords ordered to be presented by the joint resolution, approved March second, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, nine thousand dollars.

Instruments for  
astronomical ob-  
servations,  
\$6400.

For instruments necessary for the astronomical observations directed to be made in the southern hemisphere by the act of August third, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and for freight and expenses on the same, six thousand four hundred dollars.

1848, ch. 121.

APPROVED, January 26, 1849.

Jan. 26, 1849.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act authorizing the Payment of Interest upon the Advances made by the State of Alabama for the Use of the United States Government, in the Suppression of the Creek Indian Hostilities of eighteen hundred and thirty-six and eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, in Alabama.*

Secretary of War  
to pay interest on  
certain advances  
made by State of  
Alabama.

*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, directed to pay interest upon the advances made by the State of Alabama for the use of the United States Government, in the suppression of hostilities by the Creek Indians, in eighteen hundred and thirty-six and eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, at the rate of six per centum per annum from the time of the advances until the principal sum was paid by the United States to the State of Alabama; and the sum so found to be due to said State be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

How interest  
shall be comput-  
ed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in ascertaining the amount of interest as aforesaid due to the State of Alabama, the following rules shall govern: That interest shall not be computed on any sum which Alabama has not expended for the use and benefit of the United States, as evidenced by the amount refunded or repaid to the State of Alabama by the United States. Second, That no interest shall be paid on any sum on which the said State of Alabama did not either pay or lose interest as aforesaid.

APPROVED, January 26, 1849.

Feb. 1, 1849.

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of the forward Officers of the late Exploring Expedition.*

Extra pay al-  
lowed forward  
officers of the  
Exploring Ex-  
pedition.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be authorized and directed, in the settlements of the accounts of the forward officers of the late Exploring Expedition, under the command of Charles Wilkes, Esquire, to allow them the extra pay of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, credited to said officers on the pay-rolls rendered on the arrival of said expedition in the United States, agreeably to the direction of said commander.

Lieut. Cadwal-  
lader Ringgold  
to be allowed ex-  
tra pay for scien-  
tific services.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, in the settlement of the accounts of Lieutenant Cadwallader Ringgold, late commanding the United States brig Porpoise, attached to the Exploring Expedition, to allow and credit him in the extra pay for scientific duties, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, and upon the principle applied to the accounts of Lieutenant W. L. Hudson, then commanding the United States sloop Peacock, attached to said expedition.

APPROVED, February 1, 1849.