

Unsettled accounts
against States not to
be set off.

Provisos.
—where caused by de-
fault in payment, etc.

Equipment, etc.,
purchased at rendez-
vous afterwards used
in Army, etc.

Payment of accounts
for transportation,
etc.

Proviso.
Limit of rates.

Filing claims.

—to be itemized.
—limit of time for pre-
senting.

SEC. 4. That the expenses incurred by the governors of States in carrying out the provisions of this Act shall be paid to them, notwithstanding any unsettled accounts, claims, or indebtedness of the United States against their States, and without prejudice to such unsettled accounts: *Provided*, That when such unsettled account is caused by a default in payment of principal or interest on any bonds or stock issued or guaranteed by any State, the ownership of which is vested in the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to institute any act or proceeding which he may consider advisable against such State or its representatives to secure the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds or stocks: *And provided further*, That where the governor of any State or Territory, or any officer of the Army detailed as mustering officer of volunteers, or any commander of a company or companies, or troop or troops, or battery or battalion, or regiment, or brigade, has purchased or authorized the purchase of supplies or equipments, or incurred any necessary expense for the comfort of the men in camp or rendezvous, and said supplies were used and equipments were subsequently taken into the United States service by said volunteers, and no receipts given to such military officer, the certificate to that effect of the governor of the State or Territory to which the volunteers belonged, shall be held sufficient to authorize the settlement and payment of such account on investigation, if the Treasury Department shall be satisfied of the fact of such purchase of such equipment and supplies, or that such necessary expenses were incurred and such use of such supplies, or such taking of such equipments into the United States service, and the voucher or vouchers of said officers be produced by said governor.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the just and proper account or claim of any railroad, transportation company, or person for transportation of men or troops from place of enrollment to point of rendezvous, furnished at the request of the Quartermaster-General of the Army or his agents, or at the request of any United States mustering officer or other officer authorized by the Secretary of War to enroll, muster or mobilize volunteers for the war with Spain; and also to pay such just and proper accounts as may be presented for transportation back from point of rendezvous to place of enrollment of men who volunteered and were rejected by the medical examiner or mustering officer: *Provided*, That the amount allowed and paid for such transportation shall not be in excess of the rates charged for transporting troops of the United States under like circumstances.

All claims under the provision of this Act must be filed in the office of the Auditor for the War Department, and must be supported by proper vouchers or other conclusive evidence of interest.

SEC. 6. That all claims for reimbursement under this Act or the Act of July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, shall be presented in itemized form to the Treasury Department on or before January first, nineteen hundred and two, or be forever barred.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 446.—An Act To provide for the erection of a building for the Department of Justice.

Whereas the building now occupied by the Department of Justice is too small for its purpose, is unsafe, overcrowded, and dangerously overloaded, and has been so pronounced, after examination by the proper officials of the Treasury Department: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a fireproof building shall be erected for the accommodation and use of the Department of Justice upon the ground belonging to the Government at the corner of Penn-

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tice.
New building for,
authorized.

sylvania avenue and Madison place (Fifteen-and-a-half street northwest), in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, part of which is covered by the building now occupied by the Department; and the construction of said building shall be in charge of the Attorney-General, who shall be authorized and directed to select and adopt plans for the said building and to make contracts for its construction and for the removal of the old building, after proper advertisements and the reception of plans and bids, and to pay to the persons submitting the two sets of plans next in order of merit to those selected such sums as, in his judgment, shall be proper compensation for their preparation; and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and completing and furnishing the said building the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the money appropriated for said building shall be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General.

SEC. 2. That said building shall be constructed so as to provide a court room and necessary accommodations for the Court of Claims. In the meantime the Attorney-General is authorized to hire temporary quarters for the use of said court, and to remove said court and its records and archives thereto; and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to remain available until expended.

Accommodation for Court of Claims, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Attorney-General shall annually report to Congress at the commencement of each session a detailed statement of all the proceedings made under the provisions of this Act.

Report.

SEC. 4. The limit of cost of said building is one million of dollars and no plan therefor shall be accepted or construction thereof entered upon that will involve an expenditure exceeding the limit of cost fixed herein.

Limit of cost.

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CHAP. 447.—An Act Authorizing the exchange of lot six, of square ten, known as the old custom-house lot, in the city of Saint Augustine, Florida, for lands adjoining that part of the United States military reservation in said city designated as the powder-house lot.

March 3, 1899.

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 empowered to convey the title of the United States to lot six, of square ten, in the city of Saint Augustine, State of Florida, known as the old custom house lot, to Charles F. Hamblen, or his heirs or assigns, in exchange and upon a conveyance by said Charles F. Hamblen, his executors or assigns, to the United States of America of the lot of land known as the Hedrick lot, in square forty-four, in said city of Saint Augustine, situated between the United States military reservation known as the powder-house lot and the Matanzas River or Bay, with all riparian rights and water privileges to said lot belonging. But the conveyance of the said lands belonging to the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be subject to the rights of Henry M. Flagler in and to a lease of the same heretofore made to him by the Treasury Department: *Provided, however,* That the exchange of lands herein authorized shall not take effect until the governor of the State of Florida shall have ceded to the United States jurisdiction over the said lands to be conveyed by the said Charles F. Hamblen, with exemption from State, county, and municipal taxation: *And provided further,* That the title to the land authorized to be acquired by this Act shall be approved by the Attorney-General.

St. Augustine, Fla.
Exchange authorized of old custom-house lot for adjoining lands.

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Jurisdiction over lands conveyed, etc.

Title.

SEC. 2. That an open thoroughfare or street sixty feet in width shall be maintained along the northern boundary of the present military reservation known as the powder-house lot and along the northern boundary of the lands which shall have been acquired as aforesaid by the

Street along northern boundary of military reservation, etc.