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**CHAP. 515.**—An Act For the relief of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Charleston, lost in the Philippine Islands November second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

U. S. S. "Charleston."  
Payment to officers  
and crew of.

*Proviso.*  
Proof of losses.

Payments restricted.  
ed.

R. S., sec. 290, p. 48.

Full satisfaction of  
all claims.

Time limit for pre-  
senting of claims.

Deductions of prior  
payments.

R. S., secs. 298, 299,  
290, p. 48.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to reimburse the officers and crew of the United States steamship Charleston, destroyed on a coral reef off Camiguin Island, in the Philippines, November second, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, for losses incurred by them, respectively, in the destruction of said vessel, there shall be paid to each of said officers and crew or to the personal representatives of any which may be deceased, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to the losses so sustained by them: *Provided,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury shall in all cases require a schedule and certificate from each person making a claim under this Act, such schedule to be approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who may require other satisfactory proof of said losses, and reimbursements shall be made for such losses as are of a character and value suitable and appropriate to the rank, rating, or duty of the person suffering such loss: *Provided, however,* That in no case shall the aggregate sum allowed any claimant or person for such loss exceed the value of such articles of personal property as were required by the United States Naval Regulations in force at the time of such loss, and there shall be deducted therefrom any sum heretofore paid any of them under section two hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes.

**SEC. 2.** That the relief granted by the provisions of this Act shall be in full satisfaction of any and all claims whatever against the United States on account of losses by the destruction of the United States steamship Charleston, and any claim which shall be presented and acted upon under the authority of this Act shall be held to be finally determined, and shall not in any manner thereafter be reopened, reconsidered, supplemented, nor be subject to appeal in any form.

**SEC. 3.** That no claim for losses by reason of the destruction of said vessel not heretofore presented shall be allowed under the provisions of this Act which shall not be presented within two years after the date of its passage.

**SEC. 4.** That any amounts that have been paid under sections two hundred and eighty-eight, two hundred and eighty-nine, and two hundred and ninety of the Revised Statutes shall be deducted in the settlement of all claims under this Act.

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**CHAP. 516.**—An Act For the improvement and care of Confederate Mound, in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, and making an appropriation therefor.

Oak Woods Ceme-  
tery, Chicago, Ill.  
Contract for improv-  
ing "Confederate  
Mound," authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of expense.

Contract for care,  
etc.

*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, authorized to enter into a contract with the Oak Woods Cemetery Association for the improvement and ornamentation of the plot of ground owned by the United States and known as "Confederate Mound," located in Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois, in which are buried twelve Union and four thousand and thirty-nine Confederate soldiers, who died at Camp Douglas during the war of the rebellion, so as to bring the condition of the said plot of ground up to the standard of the improvements in the cemetery surrounding it: *Provided,* That the expense of such improvement shall not exceed the sum of three thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

**SEC. 2.** That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized from time to time to enter into contract with the Oak Woods Ceme-