

payment of which has been extended under the provisions of section 1 of such Act.

SEC. 3. That every charge, the date of payment of which is extended under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, shall draw interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from the date from which it was so extended in lieu of any penalty that may now be provided by law, but in case such charge is not paid at the end of the period for which it is so extended any such penalty shall attach from the date the charge was originally due, as if no extension had been granted.

Interest and penalty on deferred payments.

SEC. 4. That section 2 of such Act of March 31, 1922, is amended by striking out the words "season of 1922" where they appear in such section and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "seasons of 1922 and 1923."

Arrears. *Ante*, p. 490, amended.

SEC. 5. That where an individual water user, or individual applicant for a water right under a Federal irrigation project constructed or being constructed under the Act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 388), or any Act amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, is unable to pay any construction or operation and maintenance charge due, excepting operation and maintenance charges for drainage on the Boise, Idaho, project for the year 1922, or prior thereto, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized in his discretion to add such accrued and unpaid charges to the construction charge of the land of such water user or applicant, and to distribute such accumulated charges equally over each of the subsequent years, beginning with the year 1924, at such rate per year as will complete the payment during the remaining years of the twenty-year period of payment of the original construction charge: *Provided*, That upon such adjustment being made, any penalties or interest which may have accrued in connection with such unpaid construction and operation and maintenance charges shall be canceled, and in lieu thereof the amount so due, and the payment of which is hereby extended, shall draw interest at the rate of 6 per centum per annum, paid annually from the time said amount became due to date of payment: *Provided further*, That the applicant for the extension shall first show to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior detailed statement of his assets and liabilities and actual inability to make payment at the time of the application and an apparent ability to meet the deferred charges in 1924 and subsequent years: *And provided further*, That in case the principal and interest herein provided for are not paid in the manner and at the time provided by this Act, any penalty now provided by law shall attach from the date the charge was originally due: *And provided further*, That similar relief in whole or in part may be extended by the Secretary of the Interior to a legally organized group of water users of a project, upon presentation of a sufficient number of individual showings made in accordance with the foregoing proviso to satisfy the Secretary of the Interior that such extension is necessary.

Unpaid charges may be added to construction charge. Vol. 32, p. 388.

Payments in the 20-year period.

Proviso. Accrued interest, etc., to be canceled.

Inability to make payments, etc., must be shown.

Penalty if principal and interest not paid hereafter.

Extended to groups of water users.

Approved, February 28, 1923.

CHAP. 146.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to create a commission authorized under certain conditions to refund or convert obligations of foreign governments held by the United States of America, and for other purposes," approved February 9, 1922.

February 28, 1923.
[H. R. 14254.]
[Public, No. 455.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to create a commis-

World War Foreign Debt Commission. *Ante*, p. 363, amended.

Refund authoriza- tion. sion authorized under certain conditions to refund or convert obligations of foreign governments held by the United States of America, and for other purposes," approved February 9, 1922, is amended to read as follows:

Indebtedness of Great Britain. "Provided, That the settlement of indebtedness of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to the United States, as follows:

Principal of notes to be refunded.....	\$4,074,818,358.44
Interest accrued and unpaid up to December 15, 1922, at the rate of 4½ per cent.....	629,836,106.99
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	4,704,654,465.43
Deduct payments made October 16, 1922, and November 15, 1922, with interest at 4½ per cent thereon to December 15, 1922.....	100,526,379.69
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	4,604,128,085.74
To be paid in cash.....	4,128,085.74
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Total principal of indebtedness as of December 15, 1922, for which British Government bonds are to be issued to the United States Government at par.....

4,600,000,000.00

Bonds to be issued.

Principal payable in installments. "The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on a fixed schedule, subject to the right of the British Government to make these payments in three-year periods. The amount of the first year's installment will be \$23,000,000 and these annual installments will increase with due regularity during the life of the bonds until, in the sixty-second year, the amount of the installment will be \$175,000,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total principal of the debt.

Prior payments allowed. "The British Government shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on any interest date upon ninety days' previous notice.

Interest rates. "Interest is to be payable upon the unpaid balances at the following rates, on December 15 and June 15 of each year: At the rate of 3 per cent per annum payable semiannually from December 15, 1922, to December 15, 1932, thereafter at the rate of 3½ per cent per annum payable semiannually until final payment.

Deferred interest added to principal. "For the first five years one-half the interest may be deferred and added to the principal, bonds to be issued therefor similar to those of the original issue.

Payment in United States bonds accepted. "Any payment of interest or of principal may be made in any United States Government bonds issued since April 6, 1917, such bonds to be taken at par and accrued interest—is hereby approved and authorized, and settlements with other governments indebted to the United States are hereby authorized to be made upon such terms as the commission, created by the Act approved February 9, 1922, may believe to be just, subject to the approval of the Congress by Act or joint resolution."

Creation of Commission. "Sec. 2. That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to create a commission authorized under certain conditions to refund or convert obligations of foreign governments held by the United States of America, and for other purposes," approved February 9, 1922, is amended to read as follows:

Membership increased. "That a World War Foreign Debt Commission is hereby created consisting of eight members, one of whom shall be the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall serve as chairman, and seven of whom shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent

of the Senate. Not more than four members so appointed shall be from the same political party."

SEC. 3. That the provisions of section 2 of this Act shall not affect the tenure of office of any person who is a member of the World War Foreign Debt Commission at the time this Act takes effect.

Approved, February 28, 1923.

Political limitations.

Tenure of present Members not affected.

CHAP. 147.—An Act Authorizing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to construct an elevated railroad siding adjacent to its tracks in the city of Washington.

February 28, 1923.

[S. 3083.]

[Public, No. 456.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is hereby authorized to construct and maintain elevated sidings in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, across N Street north, between First and Second Streets east, and across Second Street east, between N Street and Florida Avenue north, said sidings to be connected with and to spring from any of its tracks in square numbered seven hundred and eleven, or from any of its tracks south of Florida Avenue, and to connect with elevated tracks in square numbered seven hundred and ten: *Provided,* That such sidings shall not be at a lower grade above the present grade of N Street than the siding in N Street, constructed and maintained under authority of the Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906.

District of Columbia. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company may build additional elevated sidings in Washington. Location.

Proviso. Height of grade.

Vol. 34, p. 521.

Approved, February 28, 1923.

CHAP. 148.—An Act Making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and for other purposes.

February 28, 1923.

[H. R. 13660.]

[Public, No. 457.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to defray the expenses of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, 40 per centum of each of the following sums, except those herein directed to be paid otherwise, is appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and all the remainder out of the combined revenues of the District of Columbia and such advances from the Federal Treasury as are authorized in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1923, namely:

District of Columbia. Appropriations for expenses of, 40 per cent from the Treasury, and remainder from District revenues.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

General expenses.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Executive office.

Salaries: Two commissioners, at \$5,000 each; engineer commissioner, so much as may be necessary (to make salary \$5,000); secretary, \$2,700; three assistant secretaries to commissioners, at \$1,600 each; clerks—one \$1,500, three at \$1,400 each, one \$1,200, one (who shall be a stenographer and typewriter) \$1,200, one \$840, two at \$720 each; two messengers, at \$600 each; stenographer and typewriter, \$1,200;

Salaries of Commissioners, etc.

Veterinary division: Veterinary surgeon for all horses in the departments of the District government, \$1,400, and for medicines, surgical and hospital supplies, \$350;

Veterinary division.

Purchasing division salaries: Purchasing officer, \$3,000; deputy purchasing officer, \$1,800; computer, \$1,440; clerks—one \$1,800, one \$1,600, three at \$1,500 each, twelve at \$1,200 each (five of whom

Purchasing division.