

Payment for, from construction fund, to credit of Indians.

Fort Hall irrigation project. Amount for relocating, etc., canal on, to irrigate Indian lands in southern part of Reservation. Post, p. 684.

Reimbursement by Indians benefited.

Proviso. Party acquiring Indian title to pay charges, before allowed water.

of the Interior—one from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and one from the Bureau of Reclamation, the third member, who shall be a disinterested party, to be selected by the two so appointed. The amount of damage as fixed by the board shall be taken from moneys appropriated for the construction of said reservoir and deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Fort Hall Indians.

SEC. 5. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$100,000 of the money when deposited to the credit of the Fort Hall Tribe of Indians for use in relocating, enlarging, and reconstructing the main canal of the Fort Hall irrigation project to provide irrigation facilities for Indian lands situated in the southern portion of the Fort Hall Reservation, commonly known as the Michaud Flats, which amount so expended shall be reimbursed to the tribe by the Indians whose lands are benefited, on a per acre basis in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided*, That in all cases where the Indian title becomes extinguished prior to total reimbursement of the sum assessed against any particular allotment, the party acquiring title to such allotment shall be required to execute an agreement before any water will be furnished therefor, providing for the payment of construction charges assessed against such lands, and for the payment of the annual operation and maintenance charges.

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CHAP. 152.—An Act Authorizing an appropriation to indemnify damages caused by the search for the body of Admiral John Paul Jones.

Admiral John Paul Jones. Payment authorized to France for damages caused Madame Crignier in search for body of. Post, p. 692.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an appropriation is authorized to be made for \$13,511.13 to be paid to the Government of the Republic of France as a matter of grace and without reference to the question of liability therefor as full indemnity for loss and damage to property suffered by Madame Crignier, a citizen of France, by reason of the search for the body of Admiral John Paul Jones, undertaken in 1899 by General Horace Porter, at that time American ambassador to France, and completed by the finding of the body in 1905, as set forth in the messages of the President of the United States to the Senate and the House of Representatives dated June 4, 1918, July 21, 1919, July 11, 1921, and January 3, 1924.

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CHAP. 153.—An Act Providing for a study regarding the equitable use of the waters of the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Texas, in cooperation with the United States of Mexico.

Rio Grande. Commission authorized to cooperate with Mexican representatives as to using waters of, below Fort Quitman, Tex. Post, pp. 692, 1340.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to designate three special commissioners to cooperate with representatives of the United States of Mexico in a study regarding the equitable use of the waters of the Rio Grande below Fort Quitman, Texas, with a view to their proper utilization for irrigation and other beneficial uses. One of the commissioners so appointed shall be an engineer experienced in such work. Upon completion of such study the results shall be reported to Congress.

Expenses authorized.

SEC. 2. The sum of \$20,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for carrying out the provisions hereof.

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