

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 probable inability to make payment at the time required in section 1: *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 thereupon attach from the date of such default: *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.

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

Penalty if principal and interest not paid hereafter.

Extended to groups of water users.

Approved, May 9, 1924.

CHAP. 151.—An Act Authorizing the acquiring of Indian lands on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, in Idaho, for reservoir purposes in connection with the Minidoka irrigation project.

May 9, 1924.
[S. 2902.]

[Public, No. 116.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to payment being made as provided herein, there is hereby granted to the United States, its successors and assigns, for the proposed American Falls Reservoir on the Snake River under the Minidoka Federal irrigation project, in Idaho, all right, title, and interest the Indians have to the tribal and allotted lands within that section of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation commonly referred to as the Fort Hall Bottoms, which lands will be inundated by the impounding of one million seven hundred thousand acre-feet of water within said proposed reservoir, together with a five-foot freeboard the elevation of which shall be established, using as a basis the one million five hundred thousand acre-foot contour line as shown in what is known as the Dyer-Dietz-Banks appraisal of Indian lands dated December 30, 1922, and on file in the Department of the Interior subject to the reservation of an easement to the Fort Hall Indians to use the said lands for grazing, hunting, fishing, and gathering of wood, and so forth, the same way as obtained prior to this enactment, in so far as such uses shall not interfere with the use of said lands for reservoir purposes.

Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho. Lands on, to be acquired for American Falls Reservoir in Minidoka irrigation project. *Post*, p. 417.

Description.

Rights of Indians for grazing, hunting, etc, reserved.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire by agreement or condemnation proceedings the area of allotted lands described in section 1. The value fixed by agreement with the allottees, and in any case where it may become necessary to institute condemnation proceedings for such purpose, the value of the allotment or allotments involved as determined by such proceedings, shall be paid out of the sum deposited to the credit of the Fort Hall Indians as provided in section 3 hereof.

Agreement or condemnation authorized.

Appraisal of value.

SEC. 3. That in consideration of the rights granted in section 1 hereof, of both tribal and allotted lands, there shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Fort Hall Indians the total sum of \$700,000, which sum shall be taken from moneys appropriated for the construction of said reservoir: *Provided*, That the said sum of \$700,000, when so deposited, shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

Payment from sum credited to Indians.

Amount to be taken from reservoir construction money and deposited to credit of Indians.

Proviso. Interest allowed.

SEC. 4. Should any lands above the five-foot freeboard, as provided in section 1, be damaged on account of the reservoir, the amount of the damage shall be determined by a board consisting of three members—two of which shall be appointed by the Secretary

Appraisal of damage to adjoining lands.

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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[S. 2392.]
[Public, No. 117.]

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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[S. 2998.]
[Public, No. 118.]

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.

Approved, May 13, 1924.