

December 28, 1922.
[H. R. 5349.]
[Public, No. 374.]

CHAP. 16.—An Act To amend the Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to settle claims for damages to private property arising from collisions with naval vessels.

Navy.
Collisions with ves-
sels of the.
Vol. 30, p. 607, amend-
ed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision contained in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriation for the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and for other purposes," approved June 24, 1910 (Public, Numbered 261, Sixty-first Congress, second session), authorizing the Secretary of the Navy "to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine the amounts due on all claims for damages where the amount of the claim does not exceed the sum of \$500, hereafter occasioned by collision, for which collisions vessels of the Navy shall be found to be responsible, and report the amounts so determined to be due the claimants to Congress at each session thereof through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor," be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows, namely:

Secretary to adjust
claims for damages.
Limit increased.

"The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine the amounts due on all claims for damages occasioned since the 6th day of April, 1917, where the amount of the claim does not exceed the sum of \$3,000, occasioned by collisions or damage incident to the operation of vessels for which collisions or other damage vessels of the Navy or vessels in the Naval Service shall be found to be responsible, and report the amounts so ascertained and determined to be due the claimants to the Congress through the Treasury Department for payment as legal claims out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor."

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CHAP. 17.—An Act To provide a method for the settlement of claims arising against the Government of the United States in sums not exceeding \$1,000 in any one case.

Damages, etc., to
private property.
Terms construed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when used in this Act the terms "department and establishment" and "department or establishment" mean any executive department or other independent establishment of the Government; the word "employee" shall include enlisted men in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Claims for, subse-
quent to April 6, 1917,
to be adjusted by
head of department,
etc., causing.

SEC. 2. That authority is hereby conferred upon the head of each department and establishment acting on behalf of the Government of the United States to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine any claim accruing after April 6, 1917, on account of damages to or loss of privately owned property where the amount of the claim does not exceed \$1,000, caused by the negligence of any officer or employee of the Government acting within the scope of his employment. Such amount as may be found to be due to any claimant shall be certified to Congress as a legal claim for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor, together with a brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed: *Provided,* That no claim shall be considered by a department or other independent establishment unless presented to it within one year from the date of the accrual of said claim.

Certification to Con-
gress.

Proviso.
Time limit for pre-
senting.

Acceptance deemed
settlement in full.

SEC. 3. That acceptance by any claimant of the amount determined under the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be in full

settlement of such claim against the Government of the United States.

SEC. 4. That any and all Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

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Conflicting laws repealed.

CHAP. 18.—An Act To amend section 5211 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

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[H. R. 8996.]
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5211 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

National banks.
R. S., sec. 5211, p. 1007, amended.

"SEC. 5211. Every association shall make to the Comptroller of the Currency not less than three reports during each year, according to the form which may be prescribed by him, verified by the oath or affirmation of the president or cashier of such association, and attested by the signature of at least three of the directors. Each such report shall exhibit, in detail and under appropriate heads, the resources and liabilities of the association at the close of business on any past day by him specified, and shall be transmitted to the comptroller within five days after the receipt of a request or requisition therefor from him, and in the same form in which it is made to the comptroller shall be published in a newspaper published in the place where such association is established, or if there is no newspaper in the place, then in the one published nearest thereto in the same county, at the expense of the association; and such proof of publication shall be furnished as may be required by the comptroller. The comptroller shall also have power to call for special reports from any particular association whenever in his judgment the same are necessary in order to a full and complete knowledge of its condition."

Three reports to be made to Comptroller of the Currency each year.

Details.

Publication.

Special reports at call of Comptroller.

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CHAP. 19.—Joint Resolution Extending the provisions of the Act of February 25, 1919, allowing credit for military service during the war with Germany in homestead entries, and of Public Resolution Numbered 29, approved February 14, 1920, allowing a preferred right of entry for at least sixty days after the date of opening in connection with lands opened or restored to entry, to citizens of the United States who served with the allied armies during the World War.

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[Pub. Res. No. 79.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act of Congress of February 25, 1919, allowing credit for military service during the war with Germany in homestead entries, and of Public Resolution Numbered 29, approved February 14, 1920, allowing a preferred right of entry for at least sixty days after the date of opening in connection with lands opened or restored to entry, be, and the same are hereby, extended to apply to those citizens of the United States who served with the allied armies during the World War, and who were honorably discharged, upon their resumption of citizenship in the United States, provided the service with the allied armies shall be similar to the service with the Army of the United States for which recognition is granted in the Act and resolution herein referred to.

Public lands.
Homestead privileges and entry preferences extended to citizens serving with allies in World War.
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