

The commissioners appointed under the treaty, by their award dated September 10, 1869, determined that there should be paid in gold coin by the United States the sum of \$450,000 to the Hudson's Bay Company, and \$200,000 to the Puget Sound Agricultural Company.

I beg to call the attention of the Treasury Department to the fact that the first installment of these awards will become payable, under the terms of the convention, on the 10th day of September next.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HAMILTON FISH.

Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

AN ACT making an appropriation of money to carry into effect the treaty with Great Britain of July 1, 1863.

Whereas, by the treaty entered into on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, between the United States and her Britannic Majesty, for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies, it was stipulated that the sums which might be owned by the commissioners under said treaty should be paid by the one government to the other in two equal annual installments, the first to be paid within twelve months, and the second within twenty-four months after the date of award, without interest. And whereas, the commissioners appointed under said treaty did, by their award dated September 10, 1869, determine that there should be paid in gold coin by the United States of America the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Hudson's Bay Company, and the sum of two hundred thousand dollars on account of the possessory rights and claims of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold coin for the payment to the government of Great Britain of the sums awarded, as aforesaid, in accordance with the fourth article of the treaty of July 1, 1863.

Award.

At a meeting of the commissioners under the treaty of July 1, 1863, between the United States of America and her Britannic Majesty for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget Sound Agricultural Companies, held at the city of Washington on the 10th day of September, 1869.

Present: Alexander S. Johnson, commissioner on the part of the United States of America; John Rose, commissioner on the part of her Britannic Majesty.

The commissioners having heard the allegations and proofs of the respective parties, and the arguments of their respective counsel, and duly considered the same, do determine and award that, as the adequate money consideration for the transfer to the United States of America of