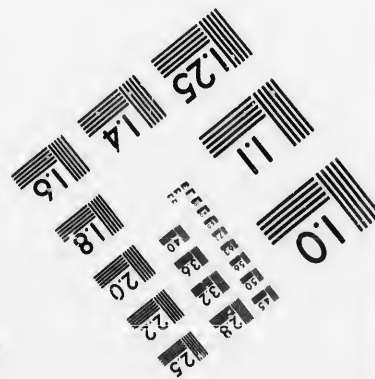
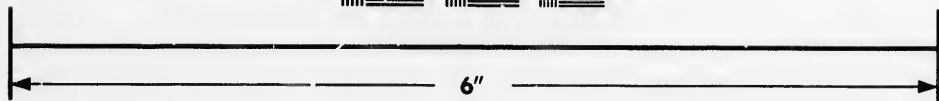
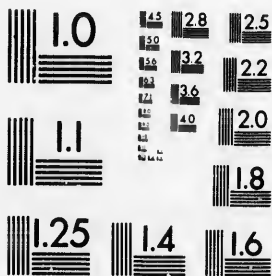


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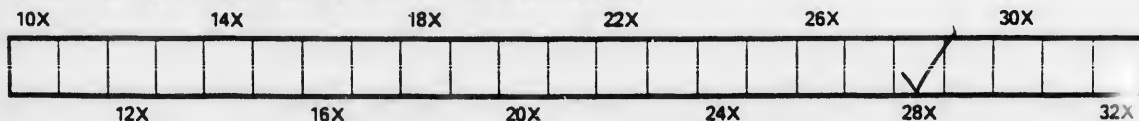
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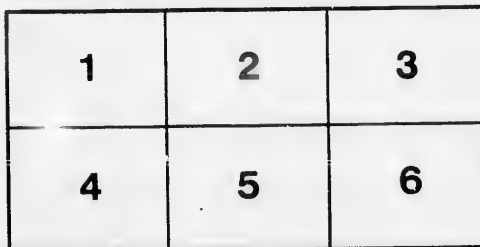
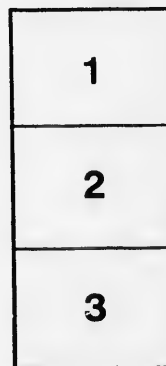
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In Assembly, March 16, 1821.

AN ACT

To remunerate the sufferers on the Niagara frontier, for property destroyed by the British in the late war.

1 WHEREAS H. B. Potter, Bates Cooke, Lemel Cooke, and others,
2 whose property was destroyed by the British in the late war, have peti-
3 tioned the Legislature for relief in the premises—And Whereas many of
4 these petitioners are in great want of the means of subsistence :

1 And whereas the Congress of the United States did pass a Law for the
2 relief of such sufferers, and did under said Law appoint Commissioners to
3 investigate the character and ascertain the amount of the property so des-
4 troyed on the Niagara frontier ; and the said Commissioners, with an Attor-
5 ney appointed by the authority of the United States, did investigate the
6 character and amount of the property so destroyed by the British in the
7 late war, on the Niagara frontier :

1 And whereas the state of New-York repose the utmost confidence in the
2 magnanimity and justice of the Congress of the United States, and that the
3 United States will pay the said sufferers, at some convenient time, the entire
4 amount of the above sum, found by the aforesaid Commissioners, and fully
5 relying that the United States will repay to the state of New-York, any sum
6 the said state may pay to the said sufferers, less than the sum found by the
7 said Commissioners to have been destroyed as aforesaid—Therefore,

1 I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate*
2 *and Assembly, that the several debts due to the people of this state for mon-*
3 *ies loaned to the sufferers on the Niagara frontier by virtue of the law of*
4 *15th April, 1815—and also, for money loaned to the county of Niagara*
5 *to assist in rebuilding the Court-House for said county, by virtue of an act*
6 *passed 15th of April, 1816, amended 15th April, 1817—also all money due*
7 *to this state on securities taken for the payment of the debt due from the*
8 *Bank of Niagara, and the Bills of said Bank now in the treasury of the state*
9 *—and also, the several sums due on the sales of Lands belonging to the peo-*
10 *ple of the state, at Black-Rock, Lewiston, and on the mile reservation along*
11 *the Niagara river, estimated, in the whole, at one hundred and seventeen*
12 *thousand three hundred and sixty dollars seventy-eight cents ; and all the*
13 *interest due on said several debts, be, and the same are hereby assigned and*
14 *transferred to Gideon Granger, Nathaniel W. Howell and Robert S. Rose,*

15 to hold to them and to the survivors of them, as Commissioners in trust, for
16 the uses and subject to the disposition hereinafter mentioned.

1 II. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners
2 to extend to the aforesaid individuals, debtors to the state, the term of five
3 years, for the payment of their respective debts—provided the said debtors
4 shall pay, on or before the first day of next, to the Attorney-Gener-
5 ral, all costs which may have arisen upon the prosecution of any such de-
6 mand—and provided also, the said debtors shall respectively pay the annual
7 interest that shall fall due on the day of in each and eve-
8 ry year hereafter.

1 III. *And be it further enacted,* That the treasurer shall pay on the warrant of
2 the comptroller, all monies which shall hereafter be received into the treasury
3 from the county of Niagara, in payment of the principal and interest of the
2 loan made to said county, mentioned in the first clause of this act.

1 IV. *And be it further enacted,* That all the right, title and estate, of the people
2 of this state, of and in all such lands as are under contract, and for which the
3 Surveyor-General has issued his Certificates, at Lewiston, Black Rock and on
4 the mile reservation be, and the same is hereby granted to the before named
5 Commissioners in trust as aforesaid; and the said Commissioners shall have
6 power to take and receive the title to any lands or tenements mortgaged to
7 the people of the state, and which mortgage is by this act assigned to them,
8 whenever in their judgment it shall be necessary to secure the debts; and it
9 shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, in the name of the people of this
10 state, to sue for and recover any monies due or to grow due to them upon
11 any of the securities hereby assigned to them, or for any of the estate here-
12 by conveyed; and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to receive,
13 sue for and recover the possession of any of the lands hereby conveyed
14 to them, in case of the non payment of the purchase money or interest, ac-
15 cording to the provisions of this act—And it shall be lawful for the said
16 Commissioners to sell, and in their own names to convey any lands or tene-
17 ments which under his act they may acquire; and upon the production of
18 a certificate of the said Commissioners, that any mortgage hereby assigned
19 to them, has been paid off and satisfied, it shall be the duty of the Clerk of
20 the county where the said mortgage is recorded, to cancel the same of re-
21 cord. All powers conferred by this act upon the Commissioners may be
22 executed by any two of them.

1 V. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners
2 to allow any person who shall be entitled to any dividend under this act, either
3 in his own right, or as the bona fide assignee of any other person so entitled,
4 such part of said dividend as the said Commissioners shall be satisfied will
5 not exceed his or their due proportion of the monies arising under this act, by
6 applying the same towards any debt due from such person to the said Com-
7 missioners on any debt hereby assigned to them.

1 VI. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Commissioners shall make an equal
2 distribution of all such monies as shall come into their hands by virtue of
3 this act, among the several and respective sufferers on the Niagara frontier,
4 situate in the county of Niagara, and named in a list of claims presented be-
5 fore Oliver C. Comstock, Archibald S. Clark and Robert W. Stoddard, Com-
6 missioners appointed by Richard B. Lee, under a resolution of the Congress
7 of the United States, to take testimony relative to said sufferers according to
8 the amount of the damages sustained by said sufferers respectively, and
9 certified by the last named Commissioners in their report to the said Rich-

10 and B. Lee, to have been fully and satisfactorily proved before them—and
11 it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to make and declare such
12 dividends as they shall from time to time judge proper—always dividing
13 upon the total amount of the losses so certified to have been satisfactorily
14 proved, to every sufferer his rateable proportion of the monies so to be di-
15 vided—and it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to pay over the
16 dividends to the said sufferers, or to their order, or to the legal repre-
17 sentatives of such of them as may be deceased at the time of such divi-
18 dend declared, and to retain therefrom, in full satisfaction of their costs,
19 fees and expenses per cent on all sums paid over by
20 them.

1 VII. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners
2 hereby appointed to account with the Comptroller for the execution of the
3 trusts hereby confided to them.

