

tain States and Territories to the construction of irrigation works for the reclamation of arid lands," and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, hereafter to be referred to as the reclamation law, and any person who, after August 13, 1914, and prior to December 5, 1924, made entry thereunder shall pay the balance of said charge after the initial payment in fifteen annual installments, the first five of which shall each be five per centum of the construction charge and the remainder shall each be seven per centum until the whole amount shall have been paid.

(Aug. 13, 1914, ch. 247, § 1, 38 Stat. 686.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, referred to in text, is act June 17, 1902, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, popularly known as the Reclamation Act, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 371 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

References to December 5, 1924, were inserted in conformity with provisions of act Dec. 5, 1924, ch. 4, § 4, subsec. F, 43 Stat. 702, which changed the method of paying the annual installments after such date. Such provisions, which were classified to sections 473 and 474 of this title, were repealed by act May 25, 1926, ch. 383, § 47, 44 Stat. 650. See sections 423 to 423g of this title.

Section comprises part of section 1 of act Aug. 13, 1914. Remainder of section 1 is set out as section 471 of this title.

#### **§§ 473, 474. Repealed. May 25, 1926, ch. 383, § 47, 44 Stat. 650**

Section 473, act Dec. 5, 1924, ch. 4, § 4, subsec. F, 43 Stat. 702, related to payment of project construction charges in installments after Dec. 5, 1924.

Section 474, act Dec. 5, 1924, ch. 4, § 4, subsec. F, 43 Stat. 702, related to modification of contracts existing prior to Dec. 5, 1924, in respect to payment of construction charges.

#### **§ 475. Annual installments on entries and contracts prior to August 13, 1914**

Any person whose land or entry, prior to August 13, 1914, became subject to the terms and conditions of the reclamation law shall pay the construction charge, or the portion of the construction charge remaining unpaid, in twenty annual installments, the first of which shall become due and payable on December 1 of the year in which the public notice affecting his land is issued, and subsequent installments on December 1 of each year thereafter. The first four of such installments shall each be 2 per centum, the next two installments shall each be 4 per centum, and the next fourteen each 6 per centum of the total construction charge, or the portion of the construction charge unpaid at the beginning of such installments.

Any person whose land or entry prior to August 13, 1914, became subject to the reclamation law, who desires to secure the benefits of the extension of the period of payments provided by sections 373, 414, 418, 435 to 437, 440, 443, 464, 465, 469, 471, 472, 475, 477 to 481, 492, 493, 494 to 497 and 499 of this title, shall, within six months after the issuance of the first public notice hereunder

affecting his land or entry, notify the Secretary of the Interior, in the manner to be prescribed by said Secretary, of his acceptance of all the terms and conditions of such sections, and thereafter his lands or entry shall be subject to all of the provisions of such sections: *Provided*, That upon sufficient showing the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, permit notice of acceptance of all the terms and conditions of such sections to be filed at any time after the time limit hereinbefore fixed for filing such acceptance shall have expired, conditioned, however, that where the applicant for such acceptance is in arrears on construction charges, he shall at the time of acceptance pay such installments of the construction charge as he would have been required to pay had he accepted the benefits of such sections within the time limit hereinabove fixed, plus the penalties that would have accrued had he so accepted, and such applicant shall thereafter be upon the same status that he would have been had he accepted the provisions of such sections within the time limit hereinabove fixed, and thereafter the lands or entry of any such persons so filing such notice of acceptance shall be subject to all the provisions of such sections.

(Aug. 13, 1914, ch. 247, §§ 2, 14, 38 Stat. 687, 690; July 26, 1916, ch. 257, 39 Stat. 390.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The reclamation law, referred to in text, is defined in section 472 of this title.

#### **§ 476. Repealed. Dec. 16, 1930, ch. 14, § 1, 46 Stat. 1029**

Section, act June 17, 1902, ch. 1093, § 5, 32 Stat. 389, provided for payment of construction charges to register and receiver of local land office.

#### **§ 477. Association or irrigation district as fiscal agent of Government**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, to designate and appoint, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, the legally organized water-users' association or irrigation district, under any reclamation project, as the fiscal agent of the United States to collect the annual payments on the construction charge of the project and the annual charges for operation and maintenance and all penalties: *Provided*, That no water-right applicant or entryman shall be entitled to credit for any payment thus made until the same shall have been paid over to an officer designated by the Secretary of the Interior to receive the same.

(Aug. 13, 1914, ch. 247, § 7, 38 Stat. 688.)

#### **§ 478. Pecuniary penalty for nonpayment of installments of construction charges**

If any water-right applicant or entryman shall have, prior to December 5, 1924, failed to pay any installment of his construction charges when due, there shall be added to the amount unpaid a penalty of 1 per centum thereof, and there shall be added a like penalty of 1 per centum of the amount unpaid on the first day of each month thereafter so long as such default shall have continued: *Provided*, That the penalty of 1