again, the law itself shows that this sum was for disbursements made by them on the Tom Toby, for a certain amount of money they had paid and advanced for the Government to the vessel, upon which sum they are allowed interest from the time the payments were made by them, and the sum then directed to be paid them was the amount admitted to be due for said disbursements and payments, so made on account of the Tom Toby and should, therefore, "be in full of all demands & accounts against the Government of Texas by said claimants in relation to the Tom Toby." From a fair interpretation of the whole content of this act it is not believed that it can be held to contemplate any other claims and accounts against the Government in "relation to the Tom Toby" than such as the claimants set up on account of disbursements and payments to and on account of that vessel; for these accounts and claims the sum ~~agreed to~~ directed to be credited was to be in full, of this claim against the Government. It could never have been the intention of the Congress that this act should have any relation to the amount due Sampson on his contract with Thruston.

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