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That the commissioners authorised to settle the accounts of states, and individuals within the same, against the United States, be instructed, that in cases where no written vouchers are or can be produced, and they shall receive satisfactory evidence that such vouchers have been destroyed or lost, or that from the circumstances of the case they have never been obtained, they shall receive such other evidence in support of said claims of states, as well as individuals, as shall be satisfactory to them, and the best that the circumstances of the case will admit. And in case the said commissioners, or any of them, doubt the truth or justice of any account presented to them for settlement, whether

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accompanied with written vouchers or not, they shall examine him, if an individual, and if an officer on the part of the state, the said officer, or such other persons as he shall think proper, at their discretion, upon oath, as well respecting the circumstances of the vouchers, as the justice and validity of the claims respectively; provided that they shall allow no claim unless it shall be supported by satisfactory evidence.

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