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"Section 2 — and be it further enacted, that any officer of the United States, or person holding any place of trust or profit, or discharging any official function under, or in connexion with any executive Department of the Government of the United States, or under the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, who, after the passage of this Act, shall act as an agent or attorney for prosecuting any claim against the United States, or shall in any manner or by any means, otherwise than in the discharge of his proper official duties, aid or assist in the prosecution or support of any such claim or claims, or shall receive any gratuity, or any share of, or any interest in any claim from any claimant against the United States with intent to aid or assist, or in consideration of having aided or assisted in the prosecution of such claim, shall be liable to indictment as for a misdemeanor, in any Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, and on conviction shall pay a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or suffer imprisonment in the Penetentiary not exceeding one year, or both as the Court in its discretion shall adjudge."

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