

or certified copies thereof, may be used in evidence; and the departments of the Government shall give access to the attorney or attorneys of said Indians to such treaties, papers, maps, correspondence, or reports as they may require in the preparation and prosecution of any suit or suits instituted under this Act.

Counter claims.

SEC. 3. In said suit or suits the court shall also hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against the said Indians or any of them, but any payment or payments which have been made by the United States upon any such claim or claims shall not operate as an estoppel but may be placed as an off-set in such suit or suits, and the United States shall be allowed to plead and shall be given credit for all sums, including gratuities, paid to or expended for any of said classes of Indians: *Provided, however,* That in any claim sued on by said Cherokees for any part of an interest-bearing fund upon which account any payment or payments shall have been made, such payment or payments shall first be applied to reduction or payment of interest earned to the date of such respective payments, and the balance, if any, shall then be applied to reduce the interest-bearing principal, and not otherwise.

Set-offs.

Proviso.
Priority of payments.

Joinder of other tribes.

Proviso.
Fees, etc., to be included in Court decree.

Disposition of balance.

SEC. 4. Any other tribes or bands of Indians the court may deem necessary to a final determination ¹ of any suit or suits brought hereunder may be joined therein as the court may order: *Provided,* That upon final determination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to fix and determine a reasonable fee, not to exceed 10 per centum of recovery or recoveries, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in the preparation and prosecution of such suit or suits, to be paid to the attorney or attorneys employed as herein provided by the said Indians, and the same shall be included in the decree and shall be paid out of any sum or sums adjudged to be due said Indians, or any of them, and the balance of such sum or sums shall be placed in the Treasury of the United States, where it shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum, and be disposed of as provided by existing law.

Approved, April 25, 1932.

[CHAPTER 137.]

AN ACT

Relating to the construction of a Federal building at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the construction of the Federal building at Ponca City, Oklahoma, authorized by an Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations (Public, Numbered 519, Seventy-first Congress), the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to provide facilities for the holding of terms of the District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, provided that the total cost of said building, including the site, shall not exceed the sum of \$250,000 heretofore appropriated and now available for such construction.

Approved, April 25, 1932.

¹ So in original.

April 25, 1932.

[S. 3086.]

[Public, No. 106.]

Ponca City, Okla.
Federal building at,
to provide facilities for
District Court.

Cost limitation.

[CHAPTER 138.]

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to lend to the entertainment committee of the United Confederate Veterans two hundred and fifty pyramidal tents, complete; fifteen 16 by 80 by 40 foot assembly tents; thirty 11 by 50 by 15 foot hospital-ward tents; ten thousand blankets, olive drab, numbered 4; five thousand pillowcases; five thousand canvas cots; five thousand cotton pillows; five thousand bed sacks; ten thousand bed sheets; twenty field ranges, numbered 1; ten field bake ovens; fifty water bags (for ice water); to be used at the encampment of the United Confederate Veterans, to be held at Richmond, Virginia, in June, 1932.

April 25, 1932.
[H. R. 5248.]
[Public, No. 107.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to lend, at his discretion, to the entertainment committee of the United Confederate Veterans, whose encampment is to be held at Richmond, Virginia, June 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1932, two hundred and fifty pyramidal tents, complete with all poles, pegs, and other equipment necessary for their erection; fifteen 16 by 80 by 40 foot assembly tents, complete with all poles, pegs, and other equipment necessary for their erection; thirty 11 by 50 by 15 foot hospital-ward tents, complete with all their poles, pegs, and equipment necessary for their erection; twenty field ranges, numbered 1, with necessary equipment for their erection; ten field bake ovens with necessary equipment for their erection; fifty water bags (for ice water); ten thousand blankets, olive drab, numbered 4; five thousand pillowcases; five thousand canvas cots; five thousand cotton pillows; five thousand bed sacks; and ten thousand bed sheets: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of said property, the same to be delivered from the nearest quartermaster depot at such time prior to the holding of said encampment as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the general chairman of the said entertainment committee, Robert T. Barton, junior: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War, before delivery of such property, shall take from said Robert T. Barton, junior, general chairman of the Forty-second Annual Confederate Reunion, a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of said property in good order and condition and the whole without expense to the United States.

United Confederate
Veterans,
Loan of Army tents,
etc., for reunion of, at
Richmond, Va.

Proviso.
No Government ex-
pense.

Bond required.

Approved, April 25, 1932.

[CHAPTER 139.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the granting by the Secretary of War of a right of way to the Georgia Highway Department.

April 25, 1932.
[H. R. 7788.]
[Public, No. 108.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant to the highway department of the State of Georgia a right of way for a public, hard-surfaced road through a part of the uninclosed portion of the Government property embraced in the national cemetery reservation at Andersonville, Georgia.

Georgia Highway
Department.
Right of way granted,
across Andersonville
National Cemetery.

Approved, April 25, 1932.