

section 5 and lots 3 and 4 of section 8, township 40 north, range 5 east; for the Indian village lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of section 1, lots 1 and 7 of section 2, and lots 1, 2, and 3 of section 12, township 40 north, range 4 east; and for the school and agency farm the unappropriated land in sections 6 and 7, township 40 north, range 5 east, that in the east half of section 31, and that in the west half of section 32, township 41 north, range 5 east.

SEC. 4. That the sum of \$5,000, or as much thereof as may be needed, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of preparing a tribal roll in accordance with the provisions of this Act and also for the surveys and other expenses necessary in making the allotments herein authorized.

Approved, May 19, 1924.

Appropriation for preparing roll, etc.

CHAP. 160.—An Act To authorize the sale of lands allotted to Indians under the Moses agreement of July 7, 1883.

May 20, 1924.

[H. R. 2373.]

[Public, No. 122.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any allottee to whom a trust patent has heretofore been or shall hereafter be issued by virtue of the agreement concluded on July 7, 1883, with Chief Moses and other Indians of the Columbia and Colville Reservations, ratified by Congress in the Act of July 4, 1884 (Twenty-third Statutes at Large, pages 79 and 80), may sell and convey any or all the land covered by such patents, or if the allottee is deceased the heirs may sell or convey the land, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 25, 1910 (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, page 855).

Columbia and Colville Indian Reservations, Wash.

Allottees may dispose of patented lands. Vol. 23, p. 79.

Sales by heirs.

Vol. 36, p. 855.

Approved, May 20, 1924.

CHAP. 161.—An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to acquire necessary rights of way across private lands, by purchase or condemnation proceedings, needed in constructing a spillway and drainage ditch to lower and maintain the level of Lake Andes, in South Dakota.

May 20, 1924.

[H. R. 4161.]

[Public, No. 123.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is hereby authorized, in order to carry out the provisions of an Act approved September 21, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes, page 990), entitled "An Act providing for the construction of a spillway and drainage ditch to lower and maintain the level of Lake Andes, South Dakota," to acquire necessary rights of way across private lands by purchase or condemnation under judicial process, and not to exceed \$5,000 of the money heretofore appropriated for the construction of this project shall be available for such purpose.

Lake Andes, S. Dak. Rights of way to be acquired for spillway, etc.

Vol. 42, p. 990.

Appropriation available.

Vol. 42, p. 1061.

Approved, May 20, 1924.

CHAP. 162.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Seminole Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

May 20, 1924.

[H. R. 5799.]

[Public, No. 124.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine,

Seminole Indians. Claims of, against United States to be adjudicated by Court of Claims.

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| Time for filing. | and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of any treaty or agreement between the United States and the Seminole Indian Nation or Tribe, or arising under or growing out of any Act of Congress in relation to Indian Affairs, which said Seminole Nation or Tribe may have against the United States, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated on their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States. |
| Procedure. | SEC. 2. Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within five years from the date of approval of this Act, and such suit shall make the Seminole Nation party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claim or claims under contract with the Seminoles approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior; and said contract shall be executed in their behalf by a committee chosen by them under the direction and approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior. Official letters, papers, documents, and records, 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 Indian nation to such treaties, papers, correspondence, or records as may be needed by the attorney or attorneys of said Indian nation. |
| Evidence admitted. | SEC. 3. In said suit the court shall also hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against said Indian nation, but any payment which may have been made by the United States upon any claim against the United States shall not operate as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as an offset in such suit. |
| Counterclaims admitted. | SEC. 4. That from the decision of the Court of Claims in any suit prosecuted under the authority of this Act, an appeal may be taken by either party as in other cases to the Supreme Court of the United States. |
| Appeal to Supreme Court. | SEC. 5. That upon the final determination of any suit instituted under this Act, the Court of Claims shall decree such amount or amounts as it may find reasonable to be paid the attorney or attorneys so employed by said Indian nation for the services and expenses of said attorneys rendered or incurred prior or subsequent to the date of approval of this Act: <i>Provided</i> , That in no case shall the aggregate amounts decreed by said Court of Claims for fees be in excess of the amount or amounts stipulated in the contract of employment, or in excess of a sum equal to 10 per centum of the amount of recovery against the United States. |
| Attorneys' fees, etc., by decree of court. | SEC. 6. The Court of Claims shall have full authority by proper orders and process to bring in and make parties to such suit any or all persons deemed by it necessary or proper to the final determination of the matters in controversy. |
| <i>Proviso.</i> Limitation. | SEC. 7. A copy of the petition shall, in such case, be served upon the Attorney General of the United States, and he, or some attorney from the Department of Justice to be designated by him, is hereby directed to appear and defend the interests of the United States in such case. |
| Issue of orders and process. | Approved, May 20, 1924. |
| Appearance of Attorney General directed. | |

Approved, May 20, 1924.

CHAP. 163.—An Act To exempt from taxation certain property of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, District of Columbia.

May 21, 1924.
[H. R. 837.]
[Public, No. 126.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the property situated in square numbered 173 in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, described as lots 8, 9, and 10, inclusive, occupied by the Daughters of the American Revolution, be, and the same is hereby, exempt hereafter from all taxation, so long as the same is so occupied and used, subject to the provisions of section 8 of the Act approved March 3, 1877, providing for exemptions of church and school property, and Acts amendatory thereof.

District of Columbia.
Daughters of American Revolution exempt from tax on designated lots in.
Vol. 39, pp. 514, 1009.
Vol. 42, p. 846.

Vol. 19, p. 399.

Approved, May 21, 1924.

CHAP. 164.—Joint Resolution To provide for the remission of further payments of the annual installments of the Chinese indemnity.

May 21, 1924.
[H. J. Res. 248.]
[Pub. Res., No. 21.]

Whereas by authority of a joint resolution of Congress approved May 25, 1908, the President of the United States was authorized to remit unto China the sum of \$11,961,121.76 of the Boxer indemnity fund accredited to the United States, which sum the President on December 28, 1908, duly remitted and which, at the request of China, was specified to be used for educational purposes; and

Chinese indemnity.
Vol. 35, p. 577.
Preamble.

Whereas it is deemed proper as a further act of friendship to remit the balance of said indemnity fund amounting to \$6,137,552.90 in order further to develop the educational and other cultural activities of China: Now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to remit to China as an act of friendship any or all further payments of the annual installments of the Chinese indemnity due under the bond received from China pursuant to the protocol of September 7, 1901, as modified by Executive order on the 28th day of December, 1908, pursuant to the authority of the joint resolution of Congress approved May 25, 1908, for indemnity against losses and expenses incurred by reason of the so-called Boxer disturbances in China during the year 1900, such remission to begin as from October 1, 1917, and to be at such times and in such manner as the President shall deem just.

Remission of payments of further installments for Boxer disturbances.

Vol. 35, p. 577.

Approved, May 21, 1924.

CHAP. 165.—An Act To provide for the cleaning of the exterior of the post-office building at Cincinnati, Ohio.

May 22, 1924.
[H. R. 4200.]
[Public, No. 126.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to permit the cleaning of the exterior of the post-office building at Cincinnati, Ohio, in connection with the improvements in the blocks known as Fountain Square, said cleaning to be without expense to the United States and to the entire satisfaction of the representative of the Treasury Department who may be detailed for the final inspection thereof.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
Cleaning of exterior of post office building, permitted.

No Government expense.

Approved, May 22, 1924.