

May 24, 1924.
[H. R. 3800.]
[Public, No. 130.]

CHAP. 177.—An Act To cancel an allotment of land made to Mary Crane or Ho-tah-kah-win-kaw, a deceased Indian, embracing land within the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Nebraska.

Winnebago Indian
Reservation, Nebr.
Patent to Mary
Crane canceled and
allotment restored to
tribal property of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cancel the restricted fee patent issued to Mary Crane or Ho-tah-kah-win-kaw, deceased Winnebago allottee numbered 43 on the Winnebago Reservation in Nebraska, embracing the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 20, township 26 north, range 9 east, of the sixth post-meridian in Nebraska, containing forty acres; and to thereupon restore the land involved to the status of tribal property of the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

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[H. R. 3900.]
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CHAP. 178.—An Act To cancel two allotments made to Richard Bell, deceased, embracing land within the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California.

Round Valley Indian
Reservation, Calif.
Patents to Richard
Bell canceled and allot-
ments restored to tribal
property of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cancel two certain trust patents issued to Richard Bell, deceased, Round Valley allottee, numbered 604 and 662, on the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California, embracing lands described as lot 13, in section 2, township 22 north, range 13 west of Mount Diablo meridian, containing ten acres, for which a trust patent was issued as of date of April 15, 1895; also the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the north half of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 21, township 23 north, range 13 west of the Mount Diablo meridian, in California, containing fifty acres, for which a trust patent was issued on December 22, 1910; and to thereupon restore the lands involved to the status of tribal property of the Round Valley Indian Reservation.

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May 24, 1924.
[H. R. 4462.]
[Public, No. 132.]

CHAP. 179.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the payment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw town-site fund, and for other purposes."

Choctaw and Chick-
asaw town site fund.

Payments of amounts
due deceased persons
from, to their heirs.
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ed.

Ascertainment
of heirs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act approved April 28, 1904, entitled "An Act authorizing the payment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw town-site fund, and for other purposes," be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "SEC. 3. That if any person whose name appears upon the rolls as herein provided shall have died subsequent to the 25th day of September, 1902, and before receiving his pro-rata share of the accumulated town-site fund, the money to which such person would have been entitled, if living, shall be distributed and paid direct to his heirs, according to the laws of descent and distribution, as provided in chapter 49 of Mansfield's Digest of the Statutes of Arkansas, said heirs to be ascertained and determined by the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules as said Secretary may prescribe, and his decision therein, so far as distribution of tribal funds is concerned, shall be final and conclusive."

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CHAP. 180.—An Act Authorizing extensions of time for the payment of purchase money due under certain homestead entries and Government land purchases within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.

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[H. R. 4494.]
[Public, No. 133.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any homestead entryman or purchaser of Government lands within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota who is unable to make payment of purchase money due under his entry or contract of purchase as required by existing law or regulations, on application duly verified showing that he is unable to make payment as required, shall be granted an extension to the 1925 anniversary of the date of his entry or contract of purchase upon payment of interest in advance at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the amounts due from the maturity thereof to the said anniversary; and if at the expiration of the extended period the entryman or purchaser is still unable to make the payment he may, upon the same terms and conditions, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be granted such further extensions of time, not exceeding a period of three years, as the facts warrant.

Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, N. Dak. Entrymen, etc., on, allowed extension for purchase payments.

Application as to inability.

Further extension permitted.

Approved, May 24, 1924.

CHAP. 181.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Creek Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 7913.]
[Public, No. 134.]

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, 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 Creek Indian Nation or Tribe, or arising under or growing out of any Act of Congress in relation to Indian affairs, which said Creek 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: *Provided, however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to confer jurisdiction upon the court to hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate any balance claimed to be due on the so-called Loyal Creek claim, or any amount claimed to be due to equalize allotments among members of the Creek Tribe.

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

Provided. Exclusion of Loyal Creek and allotment claims.

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 Creek 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 Creeks 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.

Time for filing.

Procedure.

Evidence admitted.