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bered H-76 heretofore filed in the Court of Claims under and in pursuance of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act authorizing the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota to submit claims to the Court of Claims," approved May 14, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 555), wherein the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota are parties plaintiff and the United States is party defendant, if the Court of Claims shall determine that the said Chippewa Indians are entitled to recover a judgment against the United States upon the cause of action therein set forth, the said court shall further determine whether such judgment, or any part thereof, shall be paid by the United States out of funds held by the United States in trust for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, and if the court shall so determine and said funds are found inadequate, then the unsatisfied portion of said judgment shall be paid by the United States, but in no event shall any part of the land of the Red Lake Reservation be used in any way in payment thereof; and the said Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians is hereby authorized, on the approval of this Act, to appear in said suit by their attorneys employed in accordance with the provisions of existing law, and defend their rights in the matter.

Approved, May 18, 1928.

Court of Claims, if judgment in favor of claim of, to determine whether payment be made from trust funds of Red Lake Band.
44 Stat., 655, vol. 4, 546.

Use of Red Lake Reservation land forbidden.
Attorneys authorized.

CHAP. 624.—An Act Authorizing the attorney general of the State of California to bring suit in the Court of Claims on behalf of the Indians of California

May 18, 1928.
(H. R. 401.)
46 Stat., 602.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of this Act the Indians of California shall be defined to be all Indians who were residing in the State of California on June 1, 1852, and their descendants now living in said State.

Indians in California.
Definition of.

SEC. 2. All claims of whatsoever nature the Indians of California as defined in section 1 of this Act may have against the United States by reason of lands taken from them in the State of California by the United States without compensation, or for the failure or refusal of the United States to compensate them for their interest in lands in said State which the United States appropriated to its own purposes without the consent of said Indians, may be submitted to the Court of Claims by the attorney general of the State of California acting for and on behalf of said Indians for determination of the equitable amount due said Indians from the United States; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims of the United States, with the right of either party to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, to hear and determine all such equitable claims of said Indians against the United States and to render final decree thereon.

Suit for compensation for lands, etc., taken from, by United States to be brought in Court of Claims, by attorney general of California for the Indians in.

Appeal to Supreme Court.

It is hereby declared that the loss to the said Indians on account of their failure to secure the lands and compensation provided for in the eighteen unratified treaties is sufficient ground for equitable relief.

Declaration of ground for equitable relief.

SEC. 3. If any claim or claims be submitted to said courts, they shall settle the equitable rights therein, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation or the fact that the said claim or claims have not been presented to any other tribunal including the commission created by the Act of March 3, 1851 (Ninth Statutes at Large, page 631): *Provided*, That any decree for said Indians shall be for an amount equal to the just value of the compensation provided or proposed for the Indians in those certain eighteen unratified treaties executed by the chiefs and head men of the several tribes and bands of Indians of California and submitted to the Senate of the United States by the

Settlement notwithstanding lapse of time, etc.

U Stat., 681.

Proviso.
Decree to equal compensation as provided by unratified treaties.

Prior payments as set-off.

President of the United States for ratification on the 1st day of June, 1852, including the lands described therein at \$1.25 per acre. Any payment which may have been made by the United States or moneys heretofore or hereafter expended to date of award for the benefit of the Indians of California, made under specific appropriations for the support, education, health, and civilization of Indians in California, including purchases of land, shall not be pleaded as an estoppel but may be pleaded by way of set-off.

Time for filing claims, etc.

SEC. 4. The claims of the Indians of California under the provisions of this Act shall be presented by petition, which shall be filed within three years after the passage of this Act. Said petition shall be subject to amendment. The petition shall be signed and verified by the attorney general of the State of California. Verification may be upon information and belief as to the facts alleged. Official letters, papers, documents, and public records, or certified copies thereof, may be used in evidence, and the departments of the Government shall give the said attorney access to such papers, correspondence, or furnish such certified copies of record as may be necessary in the premises free of cost.

Evidence admitted.

Allowance to reimburse the State for court costs, etc.

SEC. 5. In the event that the court renders judgment against the United States under the provisions of this Act, it shall decree such amount as it finds reasonable to be paid to the State of California to reimburse the State for all necessary costs and expenses incurred by said State, other than attorney fees: *Provided*, That no reimbursement shall be made to the State of California for the services rendered by its attorney general.

Proviso.
No reimbursement for attorney general's services.

Judgment to be placed to credit of the Indians.

SEC. 6. The amount of any judgment shall be placed in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians of California and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and shall be thereafter subject to appropriation by Congress for educational, health, industrial, and other purposes for the benefit of said Indians, including the purchase of lands and building of homes, and no part of said judgment shall be paid out in per capita payments to said Indians: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay to the State of California, out of the proceeds of the judgment when appropriated, the amount decreed by the court to be due said State, as provided in section 5 of this Act.

Use of fund.

No per capita payment.
Proviso.
Payment to California for costs.

Roll to be prepared.

SEC. 7. For the purpose of determining who are entitled to be enrolled as Indians of California, as provided in section 1 hereof, the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, shall cause a roll to be made of persons entitled to enrollment. Any person claiming to be entitled to enrollment may within two years after the approval of this Act, make an application in writing to the Secretary of the Interior for enrollment. At any time within three years of the approval of this Act the Secretary shall have the right to alter and revise the roll, at the expiration of which time said roll shall be closed for all purposes and thereafter no additional names shall be added thereto: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, shall also cause to be made, within the time specified herein, a roll of all Indians in California other than Indians that come within the provisions of section 1 of this Act.¹

Applications for enrollment.

Revision within three years.

Proviso.
Rules, etc., to be prescribed.

Approved, May 18, 1928.

¹ 80 CL. CLS., 854; 285 U. S., 762.