

in equity to be brought in the name of the United States in the circuit court for the district of Kansas, to quiet and finally settle the titles to the lands claimed by or under the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians in Kansas, or adversely to said titles.

All persons having any claim to said lands, or any part thereof, as well as said band of Indians, shall be made parties to said suit, either personally or by representation, as said court may deem convenient, consistently with justice to all the interests involved, and notice of the institution and pendency of said suit and for the appearance of the parties thereto shall be given, either by personal service or by such publication as the court shall order, or both. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to cause the rights of said band of Indians, and of the individual members thereof, to be duly presented and protected in said suit, and he shall employ counsel to aid in such protection; and any other claimants to said lands, or any part thereof, may appear in said cause, personally or by counsel, to defend the same and assert their rights; and said court shall, upon proof and hearing, proceed to determine, according to the principles of law and equity, all the questions arising in respect to said lands, or any thereof, and decree accordingly, and cause such decree to be carried into execution, and the possession of the lands, or parts thereof, respectively, to be delivered to the person entitled thereto; and upon a final decision of the said matters, it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to issue patents for said lands in conformity to such decision. No objection shall be allowed in said suit in respect of want or misjoinder of parties other than such as are required in this act, or for multifariousness or want of form. The right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States shall exist as in other cases.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

[No. 13.] Joint resolution in relation to committee clerks, pages, and other employees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

March 3, 1879.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized and directed to pay all committee clerks, pages, messengers, and other employees of the Senate and House of Representatives who do not receive annual salaries, their present rate of compensation respectively for thirty days from the date of the adjournment of this Congress; and the money required to pay the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be immediately available: *And further,* The provisions of this resolution shall apply to the persons holding their respective positions at the date of its approval, and they shall receive no other compensation for said time than that herein provided.

Employees of
Senate and House.

Thirty days extra pay.

Appropriation.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

[No. 14.] Joint resolution requiring the assembling of a court of inquiry in the case of Major Granville O. Haller, late of the Seventh Infantry United States Army.

March 3, 1879.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby required to order a military court martial or court of inquiry to inquire into the matter of the dismissal of Major Granville O. Haller, late of the Seventh Infantry, United States Army; said court to be fully empowered to confirm or annul the action of the War Department by which said Haller was summarily dismissed the service on or about the ninth of July, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty three, said court to assemble at such convenient place as may be designated by the

Granville O. Haller.

Court martial.