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CHAP. 39.—An act to ascertain the amount due the Pottawatomie Indians of Michigan and Indiana.

Preamble.

Whereas representatives of the Pottawatomie Indians of Michigan and Indiana, in behalf of all the Pottawatomie Indians of said States, make claim against the United States on account of various treaty provisions which, it is alleged, have not been complied with: Therefore,

Pottawatomie Indians of Michigan and Indiana.
Court of Claims to try, etc., claim of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Claims is hereby authorized to take jurisdiction of and try all questions of difference arising out of treaty stipulations with the said Pottawatomie Indians of Michigan and Indiana, and to render judgment thereon; power is hereby granted the said court to review the entire question of difference de novo, and it shall not be estopped by the joint resolution of Congress approved twenty-eighth July, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "Joint resolution for the relief of certain Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie Indians," nor by the receipt in full given by said Pottawatomies under the provisions of said resolution, nor shall said receipt be evidence of any fact except of payment of the amount of money mentioned in it; and the Attorney-General is hereby directed to appear in behalf of the Government, and if the said court shall decide against the United States the Attorney-General may within thirty days from the rendition of the judgment, appeal the cause to the Supreme Court of the United States; and from any judgment that may be rendered the said Pottawatomie Indians may also appeal to said Supreme Court: *Provided*, That the appeal of said Pottawatomie Indians shall be taken within sixty days after the rendition of said judgment, and the said courts shall give such cause precedence.

To review *de novo*.

Not estopped by Res. No. 97, vol. 14, p. 370, nor by receipt in full.

Limitation of fact evidenced by receipt.

Attorney-General to appear.

Appeal.

Proviso.

Precedence to be given in courts.

Commencement of action.

SEC. 2. That said action shall be commenced by a petition stating the facts on which said Pottawatomie Indians claim to recover, and the amount of their claims, and said petition may be verified by a member of any "Business Committee" or authorized attorney of said Indians as to the existence of such facts, and no other statements need be contained in said petition or verification.

Approved, March 19, 1890.

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CHAP. 40.—An act prescribing the times for sales and for notices of sales of property in the District of Columbia for over-due taxes.

District of Columbia. Tax arrearage sales. Listing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall prepare a list of all taxes on real property in said District, subject to taxation upon which said taxes are levied and in arrears on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and each and every year thereafter, including all taxes due to the late corporations of Washington City, Georgetown, the levy court of the County of Washington, and the District of Columbia. And the said Commissioners shall publish the same with a notice of sale in a pamphlet of which not less than three thousand copies shall be printed for distribution to taxpayers applying therefor. Said Commissioners shall, on the first Tuesday in April, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the third Tuesday in March of each year thereafter, give notice which shall contain the name of each and every person in which each piece of property is assessed together with the amount of assessment upon each piece by advertising twice a week for three successive weeks in the regular issue of two or more daily newspapers published in said District, that said pamphlet has been printed and that a copy thereof will be delivered

Publication and distribution of pamphlets.

Notice in newspapers.