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CHAP. 400.—An Act To provide books for the adult blind.

March 3, 1931.
[S. 4030.]
[Public, No. 787.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to the Library of Congress, in addition to appropriations otherwise made to said Library, the sum of $100,000, which sum shall be expended under the direction of the Librarian of Congress to provide books for the use of the adult blind residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia.

Library of Congress.
Appropriation annually for books for adult blind authorized.
Post, p. 1628.

SEC. 2. The Librarian of Congress may arrange with such libraries as he may judge appropriate to serve as local or regional centers for the circulation of such books, under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe. In the lending of such books preference shall at all times be given to the needs of blind persons who have been honorably discharged from the United States military or naval service.

Arrangement for circulation of books.

Preference to honorably discharged veterans.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 401.—An Act Authorizing the Pillager Bands of Chippewa Indians, residing in the State of Minnesota, to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

March 3, 1931.
[S. 4051.]
[Public, No. 788.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment, on principles of justice and equity and as upon a full and fair arbitration, on the claims of the Pillager Bands of Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota against the United States for the value of any unceded lands or arising under the treaty of August 21, 1847 (9 Stat. 908), or under any treaty, agreement, or Act of Congress subsequent thereto, except the Act of January 14, 1889 (25 Stat. 642), with the right of appeal by either party to the Supreme Court of the United States, for the determination of the amount, if any, which may be legally or equitably due the said Pillager Bands of Indians, or any of them, separately or jointly with other Chippewa Indians, under any treaties, agreements, or Acts of Congress, or under any stipulations or agreements, whether written or oral, entered into between said Indians and the United States, or its authorized representatives, or for the failure of the United States to pay any money which may be legally or equitably due the said Pillager Bands of Indians.

Chippewa Indians in Minnesota.
Submission of claims of, to Court of Claims.

Vol. 9, p. 908.

Vol. 25, p. 642.
Right of appeal.

Pillager Bands claims.

SEC. 2. In any suit or suits instituted hereunder the Court of Claims shall have authority to determine and adjudge the rights, both legal and equitable, of the claimants in the premises, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation.

Authority of court.

SEC. 3. The court shall also hear, examine, consider and adjudicate any claim or claims which the United States may have against the said Pillager Bands, properly chargeable in such suits; but any payment or payments which have been made by the United States upon such claim or claims shall not operate as an estoppel but may be pleaded by way of set-off, and the United States shall be allowed to plead and shall be given credit for all sums, including gratuities, paid to or expended for the benefit of Indians. And any other tribe or band of Indians which the court may deem necessary to a final determination of any suit hereunder may be joined therein as the court shall order.

Counter claims.

Prior payments pleaded in set-off.

Credits.

Joinder of other parties.