

preme Court of the United States by either party; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the said Court of Claims and the said Supreme Court of the United States to hear, determine, and enter judgment on any and all such claims. The said courts shall consider all such claims de novo, upon a legal and equitable basis, and without regard to any decision, finding, or settlement heretofore had in respect of any such claims.

Jurisdiction conferred.

Consideration de novo.

If any claim or claims be submitted to said courts, they shall settle the rights therein, both legal and equitable, of each and all parties thereto, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and any payment which may have been made upon any claim so submitted shall not be pleaded as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as an offset in such suits or actions. The claim or claims of said Delaware Tribe may be presented separately or jointly by petition, subject, however, to amendment, and the petition shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed by such Delaware Tribe under contract approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in accordance with sections 2103 to 2105 of the United States Revised Statutes to prosecute their claims under this Act. Official letters, papers, records, documents, and public records, or certificate copies thereof, may be used in evidence; and the departments of the Government shall give access to the attorney or attorneys of such Delaware Tribe to copies of such treaties, papers, correspondence, and records as may be needed by the said attorney or attorneys.

Legal and equitable rights to be settled.

Procedure.

Evidence admitted.

Upon the final determination of the cause the Court of Claims shall decree such fees as may be deemed fair and reasonable for services rendered, to be paid to the attorney or attorneys, such fees not to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment recovered and in no event shall they exceed the sum of \$25,000, and the same shall be paid out of any sum or sums found due such tribe. Such suit, suits, or causes shall be advanced on the dockets of the Court of Claims and by the Supreme Court of the United States if the same shall be appealed.

Attorneys' fees, etc, by decree of court.

Advancement of causes.

Approved, February 7, 1925.

CHAP. 149.—An Act To amend section 2 of the Act of August 1, 1888 (Twenty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 357).

February 7, 1925.
[H. R. 5423.]
[Public, No. 368.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of August 1, 1888 (Twenty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 357), be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

United States courts. Vol. 25, p. 357, amended.

“The clerks of the several courts of the United States shall prepare and keep in their respective offices complete and convenient indices of all judgment debtors under decrees, judgments, or orders of said courts, and such indices and judgments shall at all times be open to the inspection and examination of the public.”

Indexes of all judgment debtors to be kept by clerks.

Approved, February 7, 1925.

CHAP. 150.—An Act To amend section 128 of the Judicial Code, relating to appeals in admiralty cases.

February 7, 1925.
[H. R. 9162.]
[Public, No. 369.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 128 of the Judicial Code is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

United States courts, Circuit court of appeals. Vol. 38, p. 804, amended.

“In all cases where an appeal from a final decree in admiralty to the circuit court of appeals is allowed by this section, an appeal

Appeal from interlocutory admiralty decrees allowed to.

Proviso.
Proceedings not
stayed.

may also be taken to said court from an interlocutory decree in admiralty determining the rights and liabilities of the parties: *Provided*, That the same is taken within fifteen days after the entry and service of a copy of such decree upon the adverse party; but the taking of such appeal shall not stay proceedings under the interlocutory decree unless otherwise ordered by the district court upon such terms as shall seem just."

Approved, February 7, 1925.

February 7, 1925.
[H. R. 9380.]
[Public, No. 370.]

CHAP. 151.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Board of County Commissioners of Aitkin County, Minnesota, to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River.

Mississippi River,
Aitkin County,
Minn., may bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Board of County Commissioners of Aitkin County, Minnesota, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near section 9, township 52 north, range 23 west, in the county of Aitkin, in the State of Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Location.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 7, 1925.

February 7, 1925.
[H. R. 9827.]
[Public, No. 371.]

CHAP. 152.—An Act To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Rock River in the State of Illinois.

Rock River.
Time extended for
bridging, by Winne-
bago County and Rock-
ford, Ill.
Vol. 42, p. 1220,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved January 31, 1923, to be built by the county of Winnebago, the town of Rockford, and the city of Rockford, in the State of Illinois, across the Rock River, on the extension of Auburn Street in said city of Rockford, and in section 13, township 44 north, range 1 east, of the third principal meridian, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 7, 1925.

February 7, 1925.
[H. R. 10030.]
[Public, No. 372.]

CHAP. 153.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Harrisburg Bridge Company, and its successors, to reconstruct its bridge across the Susquehanna River, at a point opposite Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Susquehanna River.
Harrisburg Bridge
Company may bridge,
Harrisburg, Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Harrisburg Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and its successors and assigns, to construct or reconstruct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Susquehanna River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and opposite Market Street, Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, in the State