

Nonliability for payment.

SEC. 3. Whenever any check, draft, or warrant, drawn upon the Treasurer of the United States or upon the Treasurer of the United States through any Federal Reserve bank, or any public debt obligation of the United States, including any obligation of any type whatever, the payment of which is guaranteed by, or assumed by, the United States, heretofore has been or hereafter may be paid in due course and without negligence by or on behalf of the Treasurer of the United States, the Treasurer shall not be liable for any such payment, and the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the Treasurer's account for such payment: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section shall be construed to relieve any person, other than the Treasurer of the United States, from any civil or criminal liability now existing or which may hereafter exist on account of any such check, draft, warrant or public debt obligation.

Civil or criminal liability.

J. W. Reynar.
Credit in accounts.

SEC. 4. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of J. W. Reynar, certifying officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, on account of charges raised by the General Accounting Office in an amount not to exceed \$217.61: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall certify to the said Comptroller General that the payments against which charges are raised appear to have been made without fraud on the part of the certifying officer.

Certification.

W. A. Julian.
Credit in accounts.

SEC. 5. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States, for a sum not to exceed \$6,680.06, representing unadjusted differences which occurred in the preparation of statements of disbursing officers' accounts during the period from November 1, 1944, to October 31, 1945.

Appropriation.

Adjustment, etc.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed the sum of \$1,351.85, of which amount (a) not to exceed the sum of \$66 shall be credited to the accounts of G. F. Allen, former Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, to the extent necessary to adjust an overdraft of \$56 resulting from overpayments by his checks numbered 3,503,191 and 3,503,192, dated October 29, 1942, disbursing symbol 1-100, and to adjust an overpayment of \$10 on account of check numbered 1,533,782, dated October 20, 1942, disbursing symbol 87-407; and (b) not to exceed the sum of \$1,285.85 shall be credited to the Treasurer's account to the extent necessary to adjust unavailable items resulting from certain shortages, payment of original and duplicates of five checks, claim of nonreceipt of one check which was mislaid after payment by the Treasurer, and the loss of fifteen redeemed Consolidated Federal Farm Loan coupons, as listed in letter of March 7, 1947, of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved August 4, 1947.

[CHAPTER 456]

AN ACT

To authorize the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia to purchase machines for the recording of deeds, and for other purposes.

August 4, 1947
[H. R. 3045]
[Public Law 334]

Recorder of Deeds,
D. C.
Purchase of recording machines, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia is authorized and empowered to purchase such machines and equipment as he may deem necessary or expedient for the efficient, expeditious, and economical recording of all deeds and other instruments of writing entitled by law to be

recorded, and to employ such personnel as may be required to operate the same and to perform necessary services in connection therewith; and all deeds and other instruments of writing entitled by law to be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds which are recorded by means of such machines or equipment are hereby declared to be legally recorded.

Approved August 4, 1947.

[CHAPTER 457]

AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to the surviving members of the Laguna Band of Mission Indians of California.

August 4, 1947
[H. R. 3064]
[Public Law 335]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to take such steps as are necessary to determine the membership of the Laguna Band of Mission Indians of California and, having determined such membership, is further authorized and directed to issue to the member or members of such band within six months from the enactment of this Act, a patent in fee to the following-described lands situated within the boundaries of the Laguna Indian Reservation, California: The south half southwest quarter section 28; north half southwest quarter and northwest quarter section 33, township 14 south, range 5 east, San Bernardino meridian, San Diego County, California.

Laguna Band of
Mission Indians, Calif.
Issuance of patent
in fee.

Approved August 4, 1947.

[CHAPTER 458]

AN ACT

Relative to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

August 4, 1947
[H. R. 3173]
[Public Law 336]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all restrictions upon all lands in Oklahoma belonging to members of the Five Civilized Tribes, whether acquired by allotment, inheritance, devise, gift, exchange, partition, or by purchase with restricted funds, of whatever degree of Indian blood, and whether enrolled or unenrolled, shall be, and are hereby, removed at and upon his or her death: *Provided,* (a) That except as provided in subdivision (f) of this section, no conveyance, including an oil and gas or mineral lease, of any interest in land acquired before or after the date of this Act by an Indian heir or devisee of one-half or more Indian blood, when such interest in land was restricted in the hands of the person from whom such Indian heir or devisee acquired same, shall be valid unless approved in open court by the county court of the county in Oklahoma in which the land is situated; (b) that petition for approval of conveyance shall be set for hearing not less than ten days from date of filing, and notice of hearing thereon, signed by the county judge, reciting the consideration offered and a description of the land shall be given by publication in at least one issue of a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the land is located and written notice of such hearing shall be given to the probate attorney of the district in which the petition is filed at least ten days prior to the date on which the petition is to be heard. The grantor shall be present at said hearing and examined in open court before such conveyance shall be approved, unless the grantor and the probate attorney shall consent in writing that such hearing may be had and such conveyance approved in the absence of the grantor, and the court must be satisfied that the consideration has

Five Civilized
Tribes.
Removal of restric-
tions on land in Okla.

Validity of convey-
ance.

Hearing.