rendition of the judgment objected to, and that the said courts shall
give such causes precedence: And provided further, That nothing in
this Act shall be accepted or construed as a confession that the United
States admit that the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations have any claim
to or interest in said lands or any part thereof.

That said action shall be presented by a single petition making the
United States party defendant, and shall set forth all the facts on
which the said Choctaw and Chickasaw nations claim title to said land;
and said petition may be verified by the authorized delegates, agents,
or attorneys of said Indians upon their information and belief as to
the existence of such facts, and no other statement or verification
shall be necessary: Provided, That if said Choctaw and Chickasaw
nations do not bring their action within ninety days from the approval
of this Act, or should they dismiss said suit, and the same shall not
be reinstated, their claim shall be forever barred: And provided
further, That, in the event it shall be adjudged in the final judgment
or decree rendered in said action that said Choctaw and Chickasaw
Nations have any right, title, or interest in or to said lands for which
they should be compensated by the United States, then said sum of
one million five hundred thousand ($1,500,000) dollars shall be subject
to such legislation as Congress may deem proper.

Approved, June 6, 1900.

CHAP. 814.—An Act To provide for the inspection of the boilers of the Alvena
and Ailsa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the
Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the
inspection of the five foreign-built boilers taken from the wrecks
Alvena and Ailsa, in New York Harbor in eighteen hundred and
ninety-seven, and purchased from the United States by John W. Chittenden,
of New York, and to direct the issue of the usual certificate of
inspection, whether said boilers are or are not constructed pursuant to
the laws of the United States, or whether they are or are not con-
structed of iron stamped pursuant to said laws. The tests in the
inspection of such boilers shall be the same in all respects as to strength
and safety as are required in the inspection of boilers constructed in
the United States for marine purposes: Provided, That in the inspec-
tion of these boilers to ascertain their fitness for marine purposes the
owners thereof shall cause the tubes to be removed in order to permit
the inspectors of steam vessels to make the fullest examination of the
interior of said boilers.

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CHAP. 815.—An Act To establish a fish-hatchery and fish station in the State of
West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five
thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the
same is hereby, appropriated for the establishment of a fish-cultural
station in the State of West Virginia, including purchase of site, con-
struction of buildings and ponds, and equipment, at some suitable
point to be selected by the United States Commissioner of Fish and
 Fisheries.

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