

Chico

Title evidence

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_

CHICO RANCHERIA

SIZE AND LOCATION

The Chico Rancheria is comprised of two parcels, totaling 26 acres and is located in Butte County, California. Parcel No. 1, 12 acres, is located adjacent to the City of Chico, California. Parcel No. 2, 14 acres, is directly south of Parcel No. 1 and is within the City of Chico.

DESCRIPTION

Parcel 1: Being a portion of the Rancho Arroyo Chico, beginning at an iron post on the northerly side of Sacramento Avenue at its junction with the westerly side of a street formerly known as Chestnut Street (being the easterly line of the present Indian Village, formerly known as Me-choop-da Indian Village), the same being the southeasterly corner of Block "F" of Chico Vecino; thence northerly along the westerly line of Chestnut Street, four hundred and forty-two (442) feet to the southerly line of First Street; thence westerly along the southerly line of First Street thirteen hundred and forty-two and 85/100 (1342.85) feet to the right of way line of the California and Oregon (now Southern Pacific) Railroad; thence southerly along said Railroad right of way four hundred and seventy-three (473) feet to the northerly line of Sacramento Avenue; thence easterly along said northerly line of Sacramento Avenue eleven hundred and seventy-four (1174) feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue at its intersection with the easterly right of way line of the California and Oregon (now Southern Pacific) Railroad; thence southerly along the easterly line of said Railroad right of way to a point marked by the intersection with said line of the northerly line of Lincoln Avenue produced; thence easterly along said northerly line of the extension of Lincoln Avenue to the extension of the easterly line of Parcel 1 hereinabove described, being the extension of the easterly boundary of the Indian Village, formerly known as Me-choop-da Indian Village; thence along said extension of the easterly boundary of said Indian Village to the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue; thence westerly along the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue to the point of beginning.

ESTABLISHED BY

A gift under authority of the Act of August 8, 1937 (50 Stat. 564, 573)<sup>1/</sup>

TITLE DOCUMENT

Parcel 1: Deed dated January 7, 1939; Deed dated February 16, 1939  
Parcel 2: Deed dated January 7, 1939

AUG 18 1976

GRANTOR

Harris Pillsbury, as trustee for the estate of Annie E.K. Bidwell, deceased (Deed of January 7, 1939)  
Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church (Deed of February 16, 1939)

GRANTEE

United States of America in trust for the Indians of Me-choop-da Indian Village

HISTORY

The Me-choop-da Indian Village was originally established by General and Mrs. John Bidwell for the benefit of Indians in their employ. In 1909, Mrs. Bidwell deeded Parcel 1 to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church for the benefit of these Indians. When Mrs. Bidwell died, she devised Parcel 2 to the Board of Home Missions; however, by court order a trustee was appointed for both parcels and they were deeded in 1939 to the United States of America in trust for the Indians of Me-choop-da Indian Village.

The rancheria is organized as the Machoopda Indian Band of the Chico Indian Rancheria under a constitution and bylaws approved June 21, 1959 by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Parcel 2 was sold in 1962 under Bureau of Indian Affairs rules and regulations to the State of California for \$85,000. The proceeds of sale were divided equally among the distributees.

A survey of Parcel 1 was prepared and recorded in the records of Butte County, California, on April 25, 1961 in Map Book 25, at pages 40 and 41. This survey was used as a basis for the issuance of deeds to the distributees. Deeds were dated December 10, 1963. Ownership of the community property was conveyed to the Me-choop-da Tribe Association by deed dated February 12, 1964.

1/ The land was a gift, however, the United States expended funds to clear title.

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<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Original Distributee</u>
25	Elmer N. Aranda
26	Homer Sylvers, Sr.
27	Vernon Conway
28	Thelma Wilson
29	Harriet Ramirez
30	Jimmie Durant
31	Norma Ramirez
32	Frances C. Potter
33	Marvin Wilson
34	Maynard Nuckolls
35	Edward N. Wilson, Jr.
36	Me-choop-da Tribe Association (cemetery)
37	Bernice Rogers
38	Joyce Drenon
39	Donna Mae Rickard
40	Juanita Simpson
41	Mary Jane Pomeroy
42	John Azbill
43	Kenneth J. Azbill
44	Eva Pierce
45	Harold Wilson
46	Lewis Wilson
47	Genevieve Aranda
48	Henry Azbill
49	Sherman Wilson

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<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Ownership as of May 7, 1976</u>
1 & 2	Beem, Gary W. Deed of Trust - Bank of America, \$21,257 Deed of Trust - Bank of America, \$7,260.
3	Hutton, Walter M. Deed of Trust - Nick Tzugaris, \$54,200
4	Merr, Gary W.
5	Meiburg, Guenter Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$45,000 Deed of Trust - Nick Tzugaris, \$9,000
6	Meiburg, Guenter Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$46,900 Deed of Trust - Ray L. Beem, \$9,600
7	Quinn, Jay G. Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$32,000 Deed of Trust - Bellinda, Inc., \$2,200.
8	Quinn, Jay G. Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$32,000 Deed of Trust - Bellinda, Inc., \$2,200
9	Shaw, Charles G. Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$45,000 Deed of Trust - Chas. E. Lanzel, \$5,500
10	Malnich, Morris
11	Knutzen, John H. Deed of Trust - Gibraltar S. & L., \$45,200
12	Alvister, Victor E. Deed of Trust - Chico S. & L., \$45,000 Deed of Trust - Harry A. Kleitz, \$11,000
13 & 14	Alvister, Victor E. Deed of Trust - Bank of America, \$92,625
15	Nolta, Gary Deed of Trust - Frank Cunningham, \$8,000 Deed of Trust - Peter J. Altube, \$2,477

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<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Ownership as of May 7, 1976</u>
16	Defrates, Charles F. & Gertrude M. Deed of Trust - Rancheria Investors, \$39,000
17	Rancheria Investors Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$39,000
18	Rancheria Investors
19	Drew, William S. & Vivian P. Deed of Trust - Chico S. & L., \$44,000
20	Carrie, Stuart M. Deed of Trust - Chico S. & L., \$41,250
21 & 22	Malnich, Morris
23	Rancheria Investors Deed of Trust - Lassen S. & L., \$39,000
24	Brignolo, Eddie G.
25-26-27	Meier, Matthew M. Deed of Trust - Gary Beem, \$185,097
28	Wilson, Del Roy
29	Sylvester, Robert M. & Anna Mae Deed of Trust - Crocker National Bank, \$49,000
30	Weinreich, A.A. & Bernice L.
31	McPherson, Michael S. Deed of Trust - Chico S. & L., \$40,000
32	Welks, Orrin Agreement to Sell - James C. Mintu
33 & 34	Owens, Frederick Agreement to Sell - George Millar
35	Rancheria Investors
36	*Me-choop-da Tribe Association (cemetery)
37	Cunningham, Frank
38	Rancheria Investors

<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Ownership as of May 7, 1976</u>
39	*Rickard, Donna Mae
40	Cooper, Hugh M. & Valentine
41	Kleitz, Harry A. & Daisy E.
42	Brady, John F. & Eleanor G. Deed of Trust - Guild S. & L., \$28,000 Deed of Trust - Diversified Projects, \$4,606 Two Mechanics Liens - Diversified Projects
43	*Azbill, Kenneth J. $\frac{1}{2}$ interest; Echols, Clarence D., $\frac{1}{2}$ interest
44	Tarman, Thomas A. Deed of Trust - Central Calif. S. & L., \$72,000
45	Brownfield, Allen H. Deed of Trust - Otis A. Karr, \$9,718
46	S. & N. Company Deed of Trust - Bank of America, \$26,600 Mechanics Lien - Kiles & Stewart
47	Moore, Gordon
48	Drayer, Inc., Ferd Agreement to Sell - Don R. Buckman
49	*Wilson, Thelma Former Owner of Lot 28; Daughter of Sherman Wilson

\*Original Distributee

Encumbrances shown on 2nd line



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
Titles & Records

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

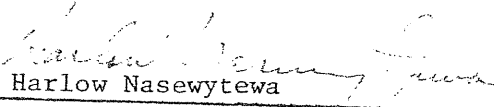
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PORTLAND AREA OFFICE  
POST OFFICE BOX 3785  
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

August 22, 1980

Pursuant to Title 28, section 1733, United States Code, I hereby certify that each annexed paper is a true copy of a document comprising part of the official records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, in my custody: Deeds dated January 7, 1939, and February 16, 1939, to the United States of America in trust for the Indians of the Me-choop-da Indian Village for land included in Chico Rancheria.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be affixed on the day and year first above written.

  
Harlow Nasewytewa

(Signature)

Chief, Titles and Records

Certifying Officer

(Title)





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of 1891, made the 7 day of January 1899,  
 between WALTER H. BROWN, as trustee of the trusts established  
 by the decree of partial distribution of the estate of Annie M. R.  
 Edwell, deceased, which said decree was heretofore made and  
 entered in the latter of said Estate by the Superior Court of  
 the State of California in and for the County of Butte, the Party  
 of the First Part, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in trust for the  
 Indians of the Me-choop-da Indian Village, the Party of the  
 Second Part,

A T T E S T E D, That the Party of the  
 first part, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00)  
 and other valuable consideration to it in hand paid by the  
 Party of the Second Part, does hereby grant to the UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA in trust for the Indians of the Me-choop-da Indian  
 Village, and to its assigns, all that real property situated in  
 the County of Butte, State of California, described as follows,  
 to-wit:

PARCEL ONE: being a portion of the Rancho Arroyo  
 Chico, beginning at an iron post on the northerly  
 side of Sacramento Avenue at its junction with the  
 westerly side of a street formerly known as Chest-  
 nut Street (being the easterly line of the present  
 Indian Village, formerly known as Me-choop-da  
 Indian Village), the same being the southeasterly  
 corner of Block "E" of Chico Mining) thence northerly  
 along the westerly line of Chestnut Street,  
 four hundred and forty-two (442) feet to the  
 southerly line of First Street; thence westerly  
 along the northerly line of First Street thirteen  
 hundred and forty-two and 95/100 (1342.95) feet to  
 the right of way line of the California and Oregon  
 (now Southern Pacific) railroad; thence southerly  
 along said railroad right of way four hundred and  
 seventy-three (473) feet to the northerly line of  
 Sacramento Avenue; thence easterly along said

northerly line of Sacramento Avenue eleven hundred and seventy-four (1174) feet to the place of beginning.

PARCEL TWO: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Chico, County of Butte, State of California, described as follows; to-wit:

beginning at a point on the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue at its intersection with the easterly right of way line of the California and Oregon (now Southern Pacific) railroad; thence southerly along the easterly line of said railroad right of way to a point marked by the intersection with said line of the northerly line of Lincoln Avenue produced; thence easterly along said northerly line of the extension of Lincoln Avenue to the extension of the easterly line of Parcel One hereinabove described, being the extension of the easterly boundary of the Indian Village, formerly known as Te-shoop-da Indian Village; thence along said extension of the easterly boundary of said Indian Village to the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue; thence westerly along the southerly line of Sacramento Avenue to the point of beginning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Party of the First Part has hereunto set his name and affixed his seal the day and year first above written.

(Sign) Harris Pillsbury

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
County of Butte ) ss-

On this 7th day of January A.D. 1939 before me, H. A. Roth Notary Public in and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared HARRIS PILLSBURY known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

(SEAL)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

H. A. ROTH  
Notary Public in and for said County and State of California.

My Commission Expires January 18, 1942

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DEED

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

to

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
in Trust, etc.

DATED: February 16, 1939

RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
BUTTE COUNTY TITLE CO  
Mar 5-1939 at 4 min, Past  
1 o'clock P.M. Vol 212,  
Page 418

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OFFICIAL RECORDS OF  
BUTTE COUNTY CALIFORNIA

E.F. Hudspeth, Recorder.

Fees: No Fee

RECORDED at the Request of  
BUTTE COUNTY TITLE CO  
May -5, 1939 at 10 min,  
Past 2 o'clock P.M. Vol 224,  
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OFFICIAL RECORDS OF  
BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

E.F. Hudspeth, Recorder,

No. Fee

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THIS INSTRUMENT, made the 15th day of February, 1939,  
between THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF the CALIFORNIA MARCH in  
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, a corporation organized and exist-  
ing under the laws of the State of New York, the Party of the  
First Part, and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in trust for the  
Indians of the Le-choop-da Indian Village, the Party of the  
Second Part.

A I T E M S E T F: that the Party of the first  
Part, for and in consideration of the Dollar (\$1.00) and other  
valuable consideration to it in hand paid by the Party of  
the Second Part, does hereby grant to the UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA in trust for the Indians of the Le-choop-da Indian  
Village, and to its assigns, all that real property situated  
in the County of Butte, State of California, described as  
follows, to-wit:

Being a portion of the Lecho Arroyo Chico,  
beginning at an iron post on the northerly side  
of Sacramento Avenue at its junction with the  
westerly side of a street formerly known as  
Nestnut Street (being the easterly line of the  
present Indian Village, formerly known as Le-  
choop-da Indian Village), the same being the  
southeasterly corner of block "3" of Chico  
Vesino) thence northerly along the westerly  
line of Nestnut Street, four hundred and forty-  
two (442) feet to the southerly line of First  
Street; thence westerly along the southerly line  
of First Street thirteen hundred and forty-two  
and 35/100 (1342.35) feet to the right of way  
line of the California and Oregon (now Southern  
Pacific) railroad; thence southerly along said  
railroad right of way four hundred and seventy-  
three (473) feet to the northerly line of Sacra-  
mento Avenue; thence easterly along said north-  
erly line of Sacramento Avenue eleven hundred

Twenty-four (1934) sent to the place of signing.  
The Party of the first part  
warrants to be executed by its officers  
warrants duly authorized.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS of the  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in the UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA, (a corporation

by THOMAS F. SAVAGE (Signed)  
Its Vice-President

(SEAL)

and H. N. MORSE  
Its Secretary

State of New York ) ss.  
County of New York )

On this 2nd day of May in the year  
one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine before me  
WALTER F. ROSE a Notary Public in and for the County of  
New York State of New York residing therein duly commissioned  
and sworn, personally appeared THOMAS F. SAVAGE  
of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in the UNITED STATES of AMERICA  
known to me to be the Vice Pres. & Sec. respectively, of the  
corporation described in and that executed the within instrument,  
and also known to me to be the persons who executed the within  
instrument on behalf of the corporation therein named, and  
acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my official seal, in the County of NEW YORK,  
the day and year in this certificate first above written

WALTER F. ROSE  
Notary Public in and for the County of New York, State  
of New York.  
Notary Public, No. 1498, Reg. No. 1497 N.Y. in 112, No. 1498,  
Reg. No. 8-8-113  
Commission expires March 30, 1940 (SEAL)

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
County of Westchester )

On this 14th day of February A.D. 1939 before me,

Norma H. Rose, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Theodora T. Savage, Vice-President and H. M. Torpe, Secretary of the United Methodist Church of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

(S.M.)

NORMA H. ROSE  
Notary Public in and for said County and State of  
New York

My Commission expires March 30, 1940

Notary Public, Queens County  
Queens Co. N.Y. No. 1296, Reg.  
No. 1487 N.Y.Co. S.M. No. 173,  
Reg. No. C-R-103  
Commission expires March 30, 1940

conditions as provided by law for the appointment of Naval Reserve officers from other citizens of the United States, and when so appointed shall have the same status and be entitled to the same benefits in all respects as provided by law for other members of the Naval Reserve: *Provided further*, That the word 'naval' wherever used in this section shall be construed to include Marine Corps: *And provided further*, That the total personnel of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps shall not exceed at any one time more than twenty-four hundred."

Approved, August 6, 1937.

[CHAPTER 570]

AN ACT

August 9, 1937  
[H. R. 6058]  
[Public, No. 249]

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for other purposes.

Interior Department  
Appropriation  
Act, 1938.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, namely:

Secretary's office.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Salaries.

SALARIES

Secretary, Under  
Secretary, Assistants,  
and office personnel.

*Proviso.*  
Salaries limited to  
average rates under  
Classification Act.  
42 Stat. 1483.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.

Salaries: For the Secretary of the Interior, Under Secretary, First Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, \$420,000: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, with the exception of the First Assistant Secretary and the Assistant Secretary the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and is specifically authorized by other law, or (5) to reduce the compensation of any person in a grade in which only one position is allocated.

Exception.

Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.

No reduction in fixed salaries.

42 Stat. 1490.  
5 U. S. C. § 668.  
Transfers without reduction.

Payments under higher rates permitted.

If only one position in a grade.

Solicitor's office.

OFFICE OF SOLICITOR

Personal services.

For personal services in the District of Columbia and in the field \$280,000.

of Indians of the Navajo Tribe in Arizona and New Mexico, \$20,000, payable from funds on deposit to the credit of the Navajo Tribe.

For the acquisition of lands, interest in lands, water rights and surface rights to lands, and for expenses incident to such acquisition, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat., p. 985), including personal services, purchase of equipment and supplies, and other necessary expenses, \$950,000, together with the unexpended balance of the appropriation for this purpose for the fiscal year 1937, of which not to exceed \$20,000 shall be available for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That within the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Wyoming no part of said sum shall be used for the acquisition of lands outside of the boundaries of existing Indian reservations: *Provided further*, That in addition to the amount herein appropriated the Secretary of the Interior may also incur obligations, and enter into contracts for the acquisition of additional land, not exceeding a total of \$500,000, and his action in so doing shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the Federal Government for the payment of the cost thereof, and appropriations hereafter made for the acquisition of land pursuant to the authorization contained in the Act of June 18, 1934, shall be available for the purpose of discharging the obligation or obligations so created.

For payment of taxes, including penalties and interest, assessed against individually owned Indian land, title to which is held subject to restrictions against alienation or encumbrance except with the consent or approval of the Secretary of the Interior, when such land was purchased with trust or restricted funds with the understanding that after purchase it would be nontaxable, \$25,000, to be immediately available and to be expended in accordance with the terms of the Act of June 20, 1936 (49 Stat., p. 1542).

For payment, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 15, 1936 (49 Stat., p. 1272), to the Confederated Bands of Ute Indians in full compensation as to claim for the principal sum for sixty-four thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land in western Colorado set aside as a naval oil reserve by Executive orders dated December 6, 1916, and September 27, 1924, \$161,400: *Provided*, That in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, and with the approval of the tribe expressed through its tribal council, not more than \$100,000 of the amount apportioned to the Indians of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah, together with \$100,000 additional from tribal funds now on deposit to the credit of the Ute Indians in Utah, may be expended for the acquisition of privately owned lands or interests therein, together with the improvements thereon, and of improvements on former public-domain lands, for said Indians.

Purchase of land, Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota (tribal funds): For the purchase of Indian-owned and privately owned land, and improvements thereon, in the Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota, \$12,500, payable from funds on deposit to the credit of the Cheyenne River Indians: *Provided*, That title to any land or improvements so purchased shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Cheyenne River Tribe.

The unexpended balance of \$5,004.25 of the appropriation "Purchase of land for landless Indians in California, Act of March 3, 1925, special fund", which appropriation was repealed by section 4 (b 24) of the Permanent Appropriation Repeal Act, 1934 (48 Stat. 1227), is hereby reappropriated and made available until expended for payment of obligations heretofore incurred or to be incurred hereafter in the acquisition of land in California, with such improvements as may be appurtenant thereto, for the relief of homeless Indians of that State.

Acquisition of lands,  
etc.

48 Stat. 984.

Balance reappropriated.  
49 Stat. 1765.

*Proviso.*  
Use outside reservation restricted.

Contracts.

Redemption of restricted land subject to taxation.

49 Stat. 1542.

Confederated Bands of Ute Indians, payment to.  
49 Stat. 1272.

*Proviso.*  
Acquisition of privately owned lands.

Additional from tribal funds.

Cheyenne River Reservation, S. Dak., purchase of land, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Title to land.

Landless Indians in California, purchase of land for.  
43 Stat. 1101; 48 Stat. 1223.