

§ 211.24 Disposition of claims.

(a) *Real estate claims for damages.* Real estate claims for damages not exceeding \$1,000 may be settled by the Division Engineer. If the Division Engineer allows the claim in toto it is transmitted to the local Disbursing Officer who transmits a check to claimant in payment of the claim. Where the claim is disallowed by the Division Engineer, in whole or in part, the claimant is so advised and in the event that he is unwilling to accept the decision of the Division Engineer, he may appeal within 30 days after receipt of such notice, through the Division Engineer's Office, to the Secretary of the Army. This appeal should state in full reasons for not accepting the Division Engineer's award.

(b) *Claims for damages in excess of \$1,000.* Claims for damages in excess of \$1,000 arising out of the use and occupancy of real estate under an agreement, express or implied, or otherwise, are forwarded to the General Accounting Office for settlement.

(c) *Claims for rent or other payments.* Claims for rent or other payments of a contractual nature regardless of amount arising out of the use and occupancy of real estate under an agreement, express or implied, or otherwise, are forwarded to the General Accounting Office.

(d) *Mixed claims for rental and damages.* When a claim arising from the use and occupancy of real estate has been received, the elements of the claim are first determined. If the claim is for damages not in excess of \$1,000 and rental, these elements are if practicable, separated and the damages settled under AR 25-25, otherwise the claims are forwarded to the General Accounting Office for direct settlement.

FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER REAL
ESTATE

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§ 211.25 General considerations in the acquiring of Federal jurisdiction.

(a) *Laws governing the acquisition of Federal jurisdiction—*(1) *Constitution of the United States.* By Article 1, Section 8, Clause 17, of the Constitution, Congress has the power to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases in the District of Columbia and to exercise like authority over all land acquired by the United States with the consent of the legislature of the State in which the land is located for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings.

(2) *Section 355, Revised Statutes of the United States.* Under this section as amended by the acts of Congress approved February 1, 1940 (54 Stat. 19) and October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1083; 40 U.S.C. 255), jurisdiction over lands acquired by the Department of the Army does not vest until the Secretary of the Army has indicated acceptance of such jurisdiction by filing a notice of acceptance with the Governor of the State or in such manner as may be prescribed by the laws of the State where the land is situated.

(3) *State laws.* The laws of the various States indicate the type of jurisdiction ceded or to be ceded, and prescribe the requirements, if any, to be complied with prior to the vesting of jurisdiction in the United States.

§ 211.26 Functions in acquiring Federal jurisdiction.

(a) *The Division Engineer.* Upon determination that Federal jurisdiction is desired over a Civil Works Project, the Office of the Division Engineer concerned prepares such maps and descriptions of the lands involved as may be required and forwards them to the Office of the Chief of Engineers with any further information called for by the laws of the State where the lands are located.

(b) *Chief of Engineers.* All letters and other papers required to procure cessions of jurisdiction and all notices of acceptance are prepared in the Office of the Chief of Engineers.