

privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for said postal-telegraph purposes.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge and its approaches shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of trains over the same upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid or upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge and approaches, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Use by other companies.

Terms.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, July 27, 1892.

**CHAP. 266.**—An act for the establishment of additional aids to navigation in Tampa Bay, Florida.

July 27, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established in Tampa Bay, Florida, such additional aids to navigation as may be found necessary by the Light-House Board, the entire cost of which shall not exceed the sum of six thousand dollars; and the sum of six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of this act.*

Tampa Bay, Florida.

Appropriation for additional aids to navigation.

Approved, July 27, 1892.

**CHAP. 267.**—An act to provide for the collection, custody, and arrangement of the military records of the American Revolution and the war of eighteen hundred and twelve.

July 27, 1892.

Whereas the military records of the American Revolution and of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve are now preserved in different Executive Departments of the Government and are not easily accessible; and

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Whereas it is important that they should be collected in one Department, where they could be easily consulted and properly indexed and arranged for use: Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military records of the American Revolution and of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, now preserved in the Treasury and Interior Departments, be transferred to the War Department, to be preserved in the Record and Pension Division of that Department, and that they shall be properly indexed and arranged for use.*

Revolutionary military records.

Transfer to War Department.

Approved, July 27, 1892.

July 27, 1892.

**CHAP. 268.**—An act to furnish the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with specimens of arms, accouterments, and so forth, used by the armies in the battle of Gettysburg, for exhibition and preservation at the Gettysburg Museum.

Gettysburg Battle-  
field Memorial Association.

Specimens of arms,  
etc., used in battle to  
be furnished.

Transportation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, specimens of the arms, equipments, projectiles, uniforms, and other material of war used by the armies in that battle (so far as may be practicable), for the purpose of exhibiting and preserving them for historical purposes in the museum at the house used by Major-General Meade for headquarters, now owned by the said association, or at such other place as the directors of the association may deem proper. And that the transportation to Gettysburg be furnished by the Quartermaster's Department of the United States from the appropriation for the transportation of army supplies.

Approved, July 27, 1892.

July 27, 1892.

**CHAP. 269.**—An act amending the act of October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An act to provide for the examination of certain officers of the Army and to regulate promotions therein."

Army.

Promotions.

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Officers appointed  
from civil life may  
waive board of similar  
character.

Examination of en-  
gineer or ordnance offi-  
cers who served dur-  
ing the rebellion.

Subjects.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section three of the act of October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An act to provide for the examination of certain officers of the Army and to regulate promotions therein," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: *And provided further,* That officers entitled by this section to examination by a board composed entirely of officers who were appointed from civil life, or who were officers of volunteers only during the war, may, by written waiver filed with the War Department, relinquish such right, in which case the examination of such officers shall be conducted by boards composed as shall be directed by the Secretary of War.

**SEC. 2.** That the examination of officers of the Corps of Engineers and Ordnance Department who were officers or enlisted men in the regular or volunteer service, either in the Army, Navy, or the Marine Corps, during the war of the rebellion, shall be conducted by boards composed in the same manner as for the examination of other officers of their respective corps and department; and the examinations shall embrace the same subjects prescribed for all other officers of similar grades in the Corps of Engineers and Ordnance Department, respectively.

Approved, July 27, 1892.

July 27, 1892.

**CHAP. 270.**—An act to define the grade of certain medical officers of the Army, and for other purposes.

Army.

Grade of certain  
medical officers.

Examination of as-  
sistant surgeons for  
promotion.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act the grade of certain medical officers of the Army below that of Surgeon-General shall be as follows: Those holding the rank of colonel, assistant surgeon-generals; those holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel, deputy surgeon-generals.

**SEC. 2.** That before receiving the rank of captain of cavalry, assistant surgeons shall be examined, under the provisions of an act approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An act to provide for the examination of certain officers of the Army and to regulate promotions therein."