

CHAP. 32.—An Act Providing for the rescue of the armament and wreck of the United States war ship Kearsarge.

March 9, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be found necessary, is hereby appropriated, from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for the purpose of reclaiming the wreck of the United States ship of war Kearsarge and her equipment: *Provided,* That no greater sum than ten thousand dollars of the aforesaid appropriation be expended if the attempt to reclaim the ship proves a failure.

"Kearsarge."
Appropriation for
rescuing wreck of
ship of war.

Proviso.
Limit.

Approved, March 9, 1894.

CHAP. 33.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge over the Arkansas River at or near Van Buren, Arkansas.

March 9, 1894.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Fort Smith and Van Buren Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas and being empowered by the terms of its charter to construct its railway from a point on the northern limits of the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Van Buren, Arkansas, the construction and operation of said line of railway involving the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River at a point at or near the city of Van Buren, be, and the said Fort Smith and Van Buren Railway Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby, authorized and empowered to construct said bridge across said river, and to maintain and operate the same as a railway, passenger, and wagon bridge.

Fort Smith and Van
Buren Railway Com-
pany may bridge Ar-
kansas River at Van
Buren, Ark.

Railway, wagon,
and foot bridge.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act, whether constructed as a high bridge or a drawbridge, shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War a design and drawing of said bridge to be erected for his examination and approval, and a map of its location, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until said plan and location of said bridge are approved by the Secretary of War said bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of any bridge authorized to be constructed by this Act during the progress of the work of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That if the bridge herein authorized be built as a drawbridge, the draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats; and whatever kind of bridge is built, the said company shall maintain thereon, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe. That all railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

Changes.

Proviso.
Draw.

Lights, etc.
Use by other railway
companies.

Terms.

Lawful structure
and post route.

SEC. 3. That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge;