

and the United States shall have the right of way for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes over said bridge.

SEC. 11. 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 of approval thereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 12. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require the entire removal of the bridge constructed under the provisions of this Act, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 13. That the Act approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across Cahaba River, in Bibb County, Alabama, by the Montgomery, Tuscaloosa and Memphis Railway," is hereby repealed.

Act authorizing bridge over Cahaba River repealed. Vol. 27, p. 441.

Approved, June 11, 1896.

CHAP. 416.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Alabama River by the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

June 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rights, powers, and privileges granted to the Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company by the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Alabama River," and approved August sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, together with all the duties and conditions thereby imposed, be, and the same are hereby, taken from the said railway company and in all respects extended to, vested in, and imposed upon the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

Bridge over Alabama River. Vol. 25, p. 378. Rights transferred to Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

SEC. 2. That the time for completing the construction of the bridge authorized by said Act, which construction has already been begun, be, and the same is hereby, extended for three years from the date of the passage of this Act.

Time for completion extended. Vol. 27, p. 380.

SEC. 3. That section three of the said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving any such plans and map and other information, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built on such plan and with such accessory works and at such locality will conform to the prescribed conditions of this Act, to notify the company that he approves the same; and upon receiving such notification the said company may proceed to an erection of said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved plan and location, but until such notification has been received the bridge shall not be commenced or built; should any material change be made in the plan of the bridge or said accessory works during the progress of the work thereon, such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. The Secretary may at any time, when, in his judgment, necessary, require the company owning or controlling said bridge to change the same in any respect, or to entirely remove the structure, all such changes or the entire removal to be at the expense of said company."

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes. Section amended. Vol. 27, p. 380.

Approved, June 11, 1896.

CHAP. 417.—An Act To authorize the Butler and Pittsburg Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Allegheny River.

June 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Butler and Pittsburg Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge, with single or double track, for railroad traffic across the Allegheny River within the limits of Allegheny County, State

Butler and Pittsburg Railroad Company may bridge Allegheny River, Allegheny County, Pa.

- Railroad, etc., bridge. of Pennsylvania, at some point northeast of the eastern boundary line of the city of Pittsburg. The said bridge, when built in accordance with the requirements of this Act, shall be a legal structure, and may be used for railroad and highway purposes.
- Secretary of War to approve plans, etc. SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built 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 the railroad company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving for the space of one mile above and below the proposed location the depth and currents at all points of the same and the location of any other bridge or bridges, together with all other information touching said bridge and river as may be deemed requisite by the Secretary of War to determine whether said bridge when built will conform to the provisions of this Act and cause any serious obstruction to the navigation of the river or injuriously affect the flow of water.
- Notification of approval. SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving said plan and map, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built on such plan and at said locality will conform to the provisions of this Act and cause no serious obstruction to the navigation of the river or injuriously affect the flow of water, to notify the said company that he approves the same, and upon receiving such notification the said company may proceed to the erection of said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved plan and location. But until the Secretary of War shall approve the plan and location of the said bridge, and notify the said company of the same in writing, the bridge shall not be built or commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of the bridge during the progress of the work thereon such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War.
- Toll, etc. SEC. 4. That said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railroad trains, and, at the option of the corporation by which it may be built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of such bridge and the several companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, 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; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.
- Proviso.*
Use by railroad companies. SEC. 5. That any bridge constructed under this Act shall be a lawful structure and shall be known as a post road, over which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation of mails, troops, and munitions of war or other property of the Government of the United States, or for passengers or freight passing over the same, than the rate per mile charged for their transportation over the railways or public highways leading to said bridge. The United States shall also have the right of way over said bridge for postal-telegraph purposes.
- Compensation. SEC. 6. That said bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford proper means and ways for the passage of vessels, barges, or rafts, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and such changes shall be made from time to time in the structure of said bridge as the Secretary of War may direct, at the
- Lawful structure and post route.
- Postal telegraph.
- Aids to navigation.
- Lights, etc.
- Changes.

expense of the said company, in order the more effectually to preserve the free navigation of said river.

SEC. 7. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of said bridge shall be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this Act.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 8. That Congress shall have power at any time to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, June 11, 1896.

CHAP. 418.—An Act To make the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, a port of immediate transportation.

June 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the seventh section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Erie, Pa.
Granted immediate transportation privileges.
Vol. 21, p. 174.

Approved, June 11, 1896.

CHAP. 419.—An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and for other purposes.

June 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the half of the following sums named, respectively, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, for the purposes following, being for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, namely:

District of Columbia appropriations.

Half from District revenues.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

General expenses.

FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE: For two Commissioners, at five thousand dollars each; Engineer Commissioner, nine hundred and twenty-four dollars (to make salary five thousand dollars); secretary, two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; two assistant secretaries to Commissioners, at one thousand dollars each; clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars; clerk, one thousand four hundred dollars; three clerks, one of whom shall be a stenographer and typewriter, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; messenger, six hundred dollars; stenographer and typewriter, seven hundred and twenty dollars; driver, four hundred and eighty dollars; laborer, three hundred and sixty-five dollars; inspector of buildings, two thousand four hundred dollars; assistant inspector of buildings, one thousand two hundred dollars; three assistant inspectors of buildings, at one thousand dollars each; clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; clerk, nine hundred dollars; messenger, four hundred and eighty dollars; janitor, seven hundred dollars; steam engineer, nine hundred dollars; one fireman, four hundred and eighty dollars; property clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; deputy property clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; clerk, seven hundred and twenty dollars; messenger, six hundred dollars; two elevator operators, at three hundred and sixty dollars each; messenger, four hundred and eighty dollars; three watchmen, at four hundred and eighty dollars each; inspector of plumbing, two thousand dollars; five assistant inspectors of plumbing, at one thousand dollars each; harbor master, one thousand two hundred dollars; two laborers, at three hundred and sixty dollars each; in all, fifty-one thousand and eighty-nine dollars: *Provided,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury are

Executive office.
Commissioners, secretary, etc.

Provisos.