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CHAP. 66.—An Act To repeal section six of an Act entitled "An Act to define the duties of pension agents, to prescribe the manner of paying pensions, and for other purposes," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and now being section forty-seven hundred and eighty-four, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Pensions.
Taking affidavits,
etc., by pension
agents abolished.

R. S., sec. 4784, p.
929, repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of an Act entitled "An Act to define the duties of pension agents, to prescribe the manner of paying pensions, and for other purposes," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and now being section forty-seven hundred and eighty-four, Revised Statutes of the United States, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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CHAP. 67.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River, in the county of Aitkin, State of Minnesota.

Aitkin County,
Minn., may bridge
Mississippi River.

Location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Aitkin, in the State of Minnesota, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, establish, and maintain, or authorize the erection, establishment, and maintenance of a wagon bridge across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation from a point on the northerly bank of said river on or near the boundary line between sections twenty-three and twenty-four, township forty-seven north, of range twenty-seven west of the fourth principal meridian, in said county, so as to connect with the opposite shore of said river; that said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted.

Drawbridge.

SEC. 2. That the bridge under this Act shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with the draw over the main and at right angles to the axis of the channel: *Provided,* That the said draw shall be opened promptly on reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, and other water craft whose construction shall be such as not to admit of their passage under said bridge.

Proviso.
Opening draw.

Lawful structure
and post route.

SEC. 3. That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its provisions and conditions shall be a lawful structure, over which may be transmitted the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States free of charge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph purposes across said bridge.

Postal telegraph.
Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the corporation named 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 one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and said bridge may be commenced and built as soon as the said plans and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interest of navigation; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction,

Changes.