

**CHAP. 16.**—An Act For the purchase or construction of a suitable vessel for service on the Yukon River, Alaska.

February 11, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase or have constructed for the Revenue-Cutter Service a suitable vessel for service on the Yukon River, Alaska; and the sum of forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated and made immediately available to purchase or build such vessel.

Yukon River, Alaska, vessel for service on.

Approved, February 11, 1898.

**CHAP. 17.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of two bridges across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream, in Dale County, Alabama.

February 14, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the court of county commissioners of Dale County, in the State of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate two bridges across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream, in the county of Dale, State of Alabama, one of said bridges to be located near the town of Newton, at or near the place where the bridge formerly stood on the Newton and Ozark wagon road, and the other one of said bridges to be located at or near where the bridge called the Hollis Bridge formerly stood.

Dale County, Alabama, may bridge Choctawhatchee River at Newton, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That said bridges shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said court of county commissioners shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridges and maps of the locations, and until the said plans and locations are approved by him the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in either of said bridges, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to prescribe regulations.

—to approve plans.

—changes.

**SEC. 3.** That the said bridges shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridges from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in either of said bridges which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

Changes.

**SEC. 4.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of both the said bridges be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

**SEC. 5.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right to amend, etc.

Approved, February 14, 1898.

**CHAP. 18.**—An Act Authorizing the Muskogee Coal and Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, and for other purposes.

February 14, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Muskogee Coal and Railway Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, be, and the same is hereby, authorized, invested and empowered with the right of locating, constructing, owning, equipping, operating, using and maintaining a railway, telegraph and telephone line through the Indian and Oklahoma Territories.

Muskogee Coal and Railway Company may construct, etc., railway through Indian and Oklahoma Territories.