

Permanent increase of Army not authorized. *Ante*, p. 261. —except.

numerary enlisted men; and nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as authorizing a permanent increase of the commissioned or enlisted force of the Regular Army beyond that now provided by the law in force prior to the passage of this Act, except as to the increase of twenty-five majors provided for in section one hereof.

Approved, April 26, 1898.

April 29, 1898.

CHAP. 226.—An Act Extending the time for the completion of bridge across Saint Lawrence River.

St. Lawrence River. Time extended for bridging. Vol. 27, p. 440.

Vol. 29, p. 7.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, authorizing the Saint Lawrence Railway Company, of the State of New York, to build and maintain a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River at some point in Saint Lawrence County, State of New York, as amended by the Act approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and is hereby, further amended by extending the time for the completion of said bridge to February ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Approved, April 29, 1898.

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CHAP. 227.—An Act Providing for the construction of a bridge across the Yalobusha River, between Leflore and Carroll counties, in the State of Mississippi.

Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad may bridge Yalobusha River, Mississippi. *Post*, p. 716.

Proviso. Lawful structure and post route.

Secretary of War to prescribe regulations.

—to approve plans, etc.

—changes.

Amendment. Interference with navigation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railway bridge across the Yalobusha River, at or near the railroad station known as Dodds Ferry, in Carroll County, Mississippi, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to unreasonably interfere with the navigation of said river and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided,* That a bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge

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 the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War for his examination and approval a design and drawings of the proposed bridge and a map of the location giving, for the space of two miles above and two miles below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the