

**CHAP. 391.**—An Act To amend section eight of the Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, granting a right of way to the Fort Smith and Western Coal Railroad Company through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

June 7. 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of the Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, granting a right of way to the Fort Smith and Western Coal Railroad Company through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:*

Fort Smith and Western Coal Railroad. Vol. 29, p. 42.

“SEC. 8. That said railway company shall build and complete its said railway on or before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred, or this grant shall be forfeited; that said railway company shall construct and maintain, continually, all road and highway crossings and necessary bridges over said railway whenever said roads and highways do now or may hereafter cross said railway’s right of way, or may be by the proper authorities laid out across the same.

Time extended to complete railway.

Approved, June 7, 1898.

**CHAP. 392.**—An Act To suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes.

June 7. 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is hereby, suspended in the discretion of the Secretary of War during the existing war, namely:*

Army. Suspension of certain provisions of law. Amended. *post*, p. 1350. Limit of draught animals. Vol. 25, p. 486.

First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes,” in the following words:

“*Provided*, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draught animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand.”

Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes,” in the following words:

“*Provided*, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster’s Department shall be expended on printing, unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army, and of the branches of the Army service, shall hereafter be purchased where the same can be purchased the cheapest, in the markets of the United States, quality and cost of transportation and the interest of the Government considered, except that purchases may be made in open market, in the manner common among business men, when the aggregate amount required does not exceed two hundred dollars, but every such purchase shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of War.”

*Ante*, p. 322. Quartermaster’s Department. —printing for, etc. —purchases where cheapest, etc.

And the words:

“*Provided*, That the number of horses purchased under this appropriation, added to the number on hand, shall not at any time exceed the number of enlisted men and Indian scouts in the mounted service, and that no part of this appropriation shall be paid out for horses not purchased by contract after competition duly invited by the Quartermaster’s Department, and an inspection by such Department, all under the direction and authority of the Secretary of War.”

*Ante*, p. 323. —purchase of horses; limit, etc.