

for the term of three years from and after the passage of this Act, and that said Act is hereby continued in full force and effect.

Approved, March 26, 1900.

March 28, 1900.

CHAP. 110.—An Act Granting to the State of Kansas the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation, in said State, for the purpose of establishing an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College, and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School thereon, and for a public park.

Fort Hays Military Reservation granted State of Kansas.

—conditions.

Provisos.
—acceptance, etc.

—reversion.

Valid land claims not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation and all the improvements thereon, situated in the State of Kansas, be, and the same are hereby, granted to said State upon the conditions that said State shall establish and maintain perpetually thereon, first, an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College; second, a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School, and that in connection therewith the said reservation shall be used and maintained as a public park: *Provided,* That said State shall, within five years from and after the passage of this Act, accept this grant, and shall by proper legislative action establish on said reservation an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School; and whenever the lands shall cease to be used by said State for the purposes herein mentioned the same shall revert to the United States: *Provided further,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any tract or tracts within the limits of said reservation to which a valid claim has attached, by settlement or otherwise, under any of the public land laws of the United States.

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CHAP. 111.—An Act Enlarging the powers of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad.
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Repeal of limitation as to constructing branches.

—except.

Construction through Indian reservations, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limitations imposed by the proviso to section four of the Act approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to authorize the purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railroad Company to organize a corporation, and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company," or by any Act amendatory of said Act upon the power of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, the corporation organized thereunder, to construct branches authorized by said section four of said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, are hereby repealed, except in so far as these limitations require the filing of maps of the said branches with the Secretary of the Interior and his approval of the same.

SEC. 2. That the powers heretofore conferred upon the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company by the said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the Acts amendatory thereof, shall be so construed as to authorize the construction and operation of the railroad and branches thereby or hereby authorized through and over any Indian reservations, subject to the payment of the compensation provided for in said Acts as to land in the Indian Territory, and through and over any Indian allotments, subject to the compensation provided by the laws of Oklahoma.

SEC. 3. That it shall and may be lawful for the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company to purchase the franchises, railroad and other property of, or to consolidate with, any other railroad company incorporated under the laws of any State or Territory of the United States whose lines may now or hereafter form a continuous line of railroad with it, either directly or by means of an intervening railroad, upon complying with the regulations and requirements of the laws of the State or Territory in which such road is located, applicable to such purchase or consolidation.

Company may purchase, etc., railroads forming continuous lines with it.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of perfecting such purchase or consolidation it shall be lawful for said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company to increase its stock, either preferred or common or both, and to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations of any company whose property is thus acquired, or of dividends on its preferred or guaranteed stock: *Provided also*, That the power conferred by this section shall also extend to like guaranties of the bonds, obligations, and dividends on stocks of companies whose roads may now or hereafter be leased to the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.

—may increase its stock.

—may guarantee bonds, etc., of property acquired.

Proviso.
—or leased.

SEC. 5. That for the purpose of providing means for the construction of its railroad and branches, the acquisition of additional property, the payment of its obligations, or for other corporate purposes, the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company is authorized to increase from time to time its issue of preferred and common stock, and to dispose of the same upon such terms as may be deemed necessary. Before any such increase shall be made the same shall have been authorized by the holders of a majority of the then outstanding stock of the company, voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called by the board of directors of the company, which shall be held at the general office of the company, of which meeting notice shall have been given by advertisement once a week for sixty days prior to such meeting, in at least one newspaper published in the city or county wherein such principal office is situate.

Increase of stock authorized.

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CHAP. 112.—An Act To establish light and fog stations to mark the main southern entrance of the new breakwater at Buffalo, New York.

March 28, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established, to mark the main southern entrance of the new breakwater at Buffalo, New York, suitable light and fog-signal stations, at a cost not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars.

Buffalo, N. Y.
Light stations established at entrance of new breakwater.

Approved, March 28, 1900.

CHAP. 116.—An Act To authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission to construct a drawless bridge across the Charles River, in the State of Massachusetts.

March 29, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Cambridge Bridge Commission be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a drawless bridge across the Charles River, in the State of Massachusetts, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, as provided for by chapter four hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, of the legislature of the State of Massachusetts;

Cambridge Bridge Commission may bridge Charles River, Mass.