

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.

Approved, March 28, 1900.

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.

Proviso.
Compensation to
owners of wharf prop-
erty, etc.

said bridge to be at least twenty-six feet above mean high water over the main ship channel, and the piers and other obstructions to the flow of the tide to be constructed in such form and in such places as the Secretary of War shall approve: *Provided*, That the State of Massachusetts, within a reasonable time after the completion of said bridge, by legislative enactment, shall provide for adequate compensation to the owner or owners of wharf property now used as such on said river above said bridge, for damages, if any, sustained by said property by reason of interference with access by water to said property now and hitherto enjoyed, because of the construction of said bridge without a draw.

Approved, March 29, 1900.

March 30, 1900.

CHAP. 118.—An Act Making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

Urgent deficiencies
appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred, and for prior years, and for other objects hereinafter stated, namely:

Treasury Depart-
ment.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES.

Mint, Philadelphia.

MINT AT PHILADELPHIA: For wages of workmen and adjusters, one hundred thousand dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including new machinery and repairs, expenses annual assay commission, melter and refiner's wastage, and loss on sale of sweeps arising from the manufacture of ingots for coinage and wastage and loss on sale of coiners' sweeps, and purchase not exceeding five hundred dollars in value of specimen coins and ores for the cabinet of the mint, forty-five thousand dollars.

Office Auditor for
War Department.

OFFICE OF AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT: For the purpose of restoring and repairing the worn-out and defaced rolls and vouchers in the Office of the Auditor for the War Department, two thousand nine hundred and forty-four dollars and forty cents.

Public buildings.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Repairs, etc.

REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS: For repairs and preservation of public buildings: Repairs and preservation of custom-houses, court-houses, and post-offices, marine hospitals, and quarantine stations, and other public buildings and the grounds thereof under the control of the Treasury Department, fifty thousand dollars.

Heating, etc.

HEATING APPARATUS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS: For heating, hoisting, and ventilating apparatus, and repairs to the same, for all public buildings, including marine hospitals and quarantine stations, under control of the Treasury Department, exclusive of personal services, except for work done by contract, thirty thousand dollars.

Vaults, safes, and
locks.

VAULTS, SAFES, AND LOCKS FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS: For vaults, safes, and locks, and repairs to the same, for all public buildings under control of the Treasury Department, exclusive of personal services, except for work done by contract, seven thousand five hundred dollars.