

Freight charges.

at the lower end of said tract of land for the exclusive and free use of the United States: *Provided, also, That the Warrior Southern Railway Company and its assigns shall not charge the United States for freight shipped over its lines rates higher than those charged any private party.*

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 3, 1902.

May 7, 1902.
[Public, No. 104.]

CHAP. 778.—An Act Providing for the removal of the port of entry in the Albemarle collection of customs district, North Carolina, from Edenton, North Carolina, to Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Elizabeth City, N. C.
Made port of entry
instead of Edenton,
N. C.
R. S., sec. 2555, p.
504, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two thousand five hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, second edition, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be amended by striking out the word "Edenton" in the last line of the first subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Elizabeth City."

Approved, May 7, 1902.

May 7, 1902.
[Public, No. 105.]

CHAP. 779.—An Act To authorize the United States and West Indies Railroad and Steamship Company, of the State of Florida, to construct a bridge across the Manatee River in the State of Florida.

Manatee River, Fla.
United States and
West Indies Railroad
and Steamship Com-
pany may bridge.

Railway, wagon, and
foot bridge.

Toll.

Lawful structure and
post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States and West Indies Railroad and Steamship Company, of Florida, a corporation created and existing by virtue of the law of the State of Florida, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across Manatee River in the State of Florida for the crossing of said river with its railroad line at such point as may be selected by the said railroad and steamship company and approved by the Secretary of War. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railroad trains, and, at the option of said railroad company, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by the said railroad and steamship company and approved by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails and troops and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other post roads in the United States; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes, and all telegraph and telephone companies shall have equal rights and privileges in crossing said bridge with their lines.

SEC. 3. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be 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 designs and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, giving all details

necessary to enable the Secretary of War to judge whether the location selected is a proper one; and until the said plans and location are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and all changes in said bridge required by the Secretary of War at any time, or its entire removal, shall be at the expense of the corporation owning or operating said bridge.

Changes.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of railroad trains over the same, and the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation therefor, and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in the use of said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Use by other companies.

Compensation.

SEC. 5. That if the bridge built under authority of this Act shall be built as a drawbridge, the draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, and whatever kind of bridge is constructed, the owner or owners thereof shall maintain thereon, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Time of construction.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 7, 1902.

CHAP. 780.—AN ACT To provide for a light-house keeper's dwelling, Ecorse range-light station, Detroit River, in the State of Michigan.

May 7, 1902.

[Public, No. 106.]

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be erected on the site now owned by the United States a building to be used as and for a light-house keeper's dwelling, Ecorse range-light station, in the Detroit River, in the State of Michigan, which shall cost not to exceed five thousand dollars. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be made and approved, according to law, before work on said building shall be commenced, and a valid title vested in the United States, over which exclusive jurisdiction shall be ceded to said United States during ownership for all purposes except the administration of the criminal law and the service of civil process of said State of Michigan. Until this is done none of the money so appropriated shall be used except such part as may be required for the ordinary preliminary expenses for examination, investigation, and report.

Detroit River, Mich. Ecorse range light, keeper's dwelling authorized.

Plans, etc.

Title.

Approved, May 7, 1902.