

Proviso.
—stock and transfer
books.

ination of its books and records by stockholders: *Provided*, That the stock and transfer books shall at all times, during business hours, be open to the inspection of stockholders.

Repeal.

SEC. 5. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That Congress reserves the power to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, June 5, 1900.

June 6, 1900.

CHAP. 779.—An Act To amend an Act granting to the Muscle Shoals Power Company right to erect and construct canal and power stations at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

Muscle Shoals
Power Company canal
and power stations.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of an Act entitled "An Act granting to the Muscle Shoals Power Company right to erect and construct canal and power stations at Muscle Shoals, Alabama," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Time extended to
complete work.

"SEC. 2. That unless the work herein authorized be commenced within two years, and completed within four years from the date hereof, the privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined."

Approved, June 6, 1900.

June 6, 1900.

CHAP. 780.—An Act To create a commission to make settlement and adjustment with the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company of its indebtedness to the Government of the United States.

Sioux City and Pa-
cific Railroad.
Commission to ad-
just indebtedness of
to Government cre-
ated.

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, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Attorney-General of the United States are hereby authorized and empowered to make settlement and adjustment of the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company's indebtedness to the Government of the United States; and to that end may receive and determine upon any proposition or propositions from said Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company or from any other person or persons, corporation or corporations, and may sell or assign the mortgage given by said company to the United States and do any and all things proper and necessary to effect such settlement and adjustment and secure to the United States the largest sum possible in the payment of said indebtedness up to the full amount thereof: *Provided*, That they deem the same for the best interests of the Government; and when such settlement is approved by the President it shall become operative, and the Attorney-General shall make the necessary acquittances to said railroad company.

—powers.

Approved, June 6, 1900.

Proviso.
—qualification, etc.

June, 6, 1900.

CHAP. 781.—An Act Establishing terms of the United States circuit court at Newbern and Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

North Carolina east-
ern judicial district.
Terms of court at
Newbern and Eliza-
beth City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That terms of the circuit court of the United States for the eastern judicial district of North Carolina shall be held at Newbern and Elizabeth City, in said district, at the times now fixed by law for holding the terms of the district court of the United States at said places, Newbern and Elizabeth City.

Effect.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, June 6, 1900.

CHAP. 782.—An Act To authorize the construction of a railroad bridge across the Mississippi River at Saint Paul, Minnesota.

June 6, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the South Saint Paul Belt Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Minnesota, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge for the passage of railroad traffic, and also, at the option of the said railroad company, for the passage of vehicles of all kinds, animals, and foot passengers, across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and between the crossing of the south line of section four of township twenty-eight, range twenty-two, and the crossing of the north and south center line of section five of the same township, and within the incorporated limits of the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota; that the location and plan of construction of said bridge shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and until decided by him to be such as will not materially affect the interests of navigation the said bridge shall not be built. And there shall be submitted to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a plan of the proposed bridge and a map of the location thereof, giving, for a distance of a mile above and below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore line at high and low water, the direction of the current, and soundings accurately showing the bed of stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges; and should any change be made in the plan of the said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said bridge shall at all times be so kept and maintained, and provided with protection piers and sheer booms, so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other floating craft through or under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said structure shall be changed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, and as may be necessary to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river. That said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river beyond what is necessary in order to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction, or alleged obstruction, to the said free navigation of said river, the cause may be tried before the circuit court of the United States in and for the district in which the said bridge is located: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing or modifying any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or as exempting this bridge from the operations of the same.

South St. Paul Belt Railroad may bridge Mississippi River.

Location.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

Changes.

Not to obstruct navigation.

Litigation.

Provido. Existing provisions of law unchanged, etc.

Draw.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be constructed either as a high-level bridge without a drawspan, or a low-level bridge with a drawspan, as the said railroad company may elect. If constructed as a high-level bridge, the main span over the navigable channel of the river shall be of such length as will give a clear width of waterway at low-water level of not less than three hundred and fifty feet, and a clear headroom under the full length of said span of not less than fifty-five feet above extreme high-water level; if constructed as a low-level bridge, there shall be a drawspan with openings under each arm thereof, giving such clear widths of waterway, not less than one hundred and eighty feet each, as in the opinion of the Secretary of War are required by the interests of navigation; the remaining spans, if either of a high or low level bridge, shall each give a clear width of waterway not less than one hundred and fifty feet at the low-water level of the river, and a clear headroom not less than ten feet above extreme high-water mark.