

is authorized to expend not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars for services of employees in the Bureau of Foreign Commerce (formerly the Bureau of Statistics), Department of State, in the work of compiling and distributing such reports; the sum of two thousand dollars for the cost of cablegrams in instructing consular officers to report upon matters of immediate importance to commerce and industry, and of cablegrams of consuls on such subjects; also to defray the extra expense imposed upon consular officers in collecting certain data where it seems to be warranted; and not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars in the purchase of such books, maps, and periodicals as may be necessary to the editing of diplomatic, consular, and other commercial reports: *Provided*, That all terms of measure, weight, and money shall be reduced to and expressed in terms of measure, weight, and coin of the United States, as well as in the foreign terms; that each issue of diplomatic, consular, and other commercial reports shall not exceed ten thousand copies.

Proviso.
Equivalents of
measure, etc.
Limit of issue of re-
ports.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES, UNITED STATES CONSULATES.

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penses, consulates.*

Expenses of providing all such stationery, blanks, record and other books, seals, presses, flags, signs, rent, postage, furniture, statistics, newspapers, freight (foreign and domestic), telegrams, advertising, messenger service, traveling expenses of consular officers and consular clerks, compensation of Chinese writers, loss by exchange, and such other miscellaneous expenses as the President may think necessary for the several consulates, consular agencies, and commercial agencies in the transaction of their business, two hundred and five thousand dollars.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Bureau of American
Republics.
Provisos.
Use of receipts from
other Republics, sales,
etc.

Monthly Bulletin
issue limited.

Commercial Bureau of American Republics, thirty-six thousand dollars: *Provided*, That any moneys received from the other American Republics for the support of the Bureau, or from the sale of the Bureau publications, from rents, or other sources shall be paid into the Treasury as a credit in addition to the appropriation, and may be drawn therefrom upon requisitions of the Secretary of State for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the Bureau: *And provided further*, That the Public Printer be, and is hereby, authorized to print an edition of the Monthly Bulletin, not to exceed five thousand copies, for distribution by the Bureau every month during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three.

Approved, March 22, 1902.

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[Public, No. 55.]

CHAP. 273.—An Act For the acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments in the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico affecting land situate in the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States.

Philippine Islands
and Porto Rico.
Deeds, etc., affect-
ing lands in District
of Columbia and Ter-
ritories may be ac-
knowledged before
notaries in.
Proviso.
Certification of no-
tary's power.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That deeds and other instruments affecting land situate in the District of Columbia or any Territory of the United States may be acknowledged in the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico before any notary public appointed therein by proper authority or any officer therein who has ex officio the powers of a notary public: *Provided*, That the certificate by such notary in the Philippine Islands or in Porto Rico, as the case may be, shall be accompanied by the certificate of the attorney-general of Porto Rico or the governor or attorney-general of the Philippine Islands to the effect that the notary taking said acknowledgment was in fact the officer he purported to be.

Approved, March 22, 1902.

CHAP. 275.—An Act Authorizing the Eldorado and Bastrop Railway Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Ouachita River, in the State of Arkansas.

March 24, 1902.

[Public, No. 56.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Eldorado and Bastrop Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across the Ouachita River, in the State of Arkansas, at such point on the boundary line between the counties of Ashley and Union in said State suitable to the interests of navigation as may hereafter be selected by said railway company for crossing said river with its railway line. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains and, at the option of said railway company, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds and for the transit of animals and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by said railway company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Ouachita River, Ark.
Eldorado and Bastrop Railway Company may bridge.
Location.

Railway wagon, and foot bridge.

Toll.

Lawful structure and post route.

Sec. 2. That said 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, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes: *Provided,* That the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed by the company owning or operating it as to afford proper ways and means for the passage through or under it of vessels, barges, or rafts at all times, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, such lights and signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Proviso.
Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Sec. 3. That if said bridge erected and maintained under the authority of this Act shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river, or shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction, and such alteration shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the case may be brought in the district court of the United States, in the State of Arkansas, for the district in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt said bridge from the operation of the same.

Secretary of War to cause changes, etc.

Litigation.

Proviso.
Protection of navigation.

Sec. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge constructed under this Act shall have, and be entitled to, equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the parties interested shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall, on the application of either party, be determined by the district court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge may be.

Use by other companies.
Compensation.

Sec. 5. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.