

cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Fort Wayne, in the State of Indiana, a substantial and commodious public building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use of the United States district and circuit courts, internal-revenue service, post office, and other government offices; the plans, specifications, and estimates for said building having first been prepared, examined, and approved as required by section thirty seven hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, upon calculations and specifications that will insure the completion of the building at a cost not to exceed the the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; *Provided*, That no money to be appropriated for said building shall be used until a valid title to the site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Indiana shall have ceded to the United States jurisdiction over the same for all purposes, during the time the government shall be or remain the owner thereof, except for the enforcement of the criminal laws of the State and the service of civil process therein.

Plans.
R. S., 3734, 737.

Cost.
Proviso.
Title.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That for the purposes above mentioned the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Approved, August 8, 1882.

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CHAP. 465.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Saint Croix River between the city of Calais, Maine, and Saint Stephen's, New Brunswick.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Maine Shore-Line Railway Company, a corporation organized and created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maine be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, own, maintain, and operate a railway bridge over the Saint Croix River between the city of Calais, in the State of Maine, and the town of Saint Stephen's, in the Province of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, at such point as may be most convenient to said corporation to unite and connect their railroad to be constructed by them in the said city of Calais with any railroad that may be constructed by any person or company in the said Dominion of Canada, and to build and lay on and across said bridge ways or tracks for the passage of railway trains and foot-passengers, for the transit of which said corporation may charge a reasonable toll; and that said bridge, when completed, shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure.

Declared a lawful structure.

Plan and location to be approved by Secretary of War.

Free navigation of river preserved. Piers, etc.

Draw.

Lights.

Provisos.

SEC. 2. That the plan and location of any bridge the construction of which is hereby authorized shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the bridge, if built at any distance greater than one hundred feet below the present toll-bridge between Calais, Maine, and Saint Stephen's, New Brunswick, or the head of navigation, shall be so located as not to obstruct, impair, or injuriously modify the free navigation of the river, and shall be built with the piers parallel to the current, leaving the water-way unobstructed by rip-rap or piling, or other obstructions, and shall have at the crossing of the main channel of the river a draw of not less than sixty feet of clear opening, which shall be located at a point best calculated to accommodate commerce, which draw shall at all times be opened promptly for passing vessels upon reasonable signal, except when railway trains are passing over the same; and at all times during the season of navigation proper signal-lights shall be used and maintained at the expense of the aforesaid company to guide vessels approaching said draw: *Provided*, That the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced until the plan and location thereof have been approved by the Secretary of War, and the said company has been notified of the same in writing: *And provided further*, That the consent of the proper authorities of the Dominion of

Canada shall have been obtained before said bridge shall be built or commenced.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved. And the right to require any changes in said structure or its entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Right to alter, amend, or repeal reserved.

Approved, August 8, 1882.

CHAP. 466.—An act to encourage and promote telegraphic communication between America and Europe

August 8, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Samuel L. M. Barlow and Orazio Lugo, of New York, and Albert G. Buzby, W. Mitchell McAllister, and John H. Colton, of Pennsylvania, their associates, successors, and assigns, shall have the right to construct, lay, land, and maintain a line or lines of telegraph or submarine cables on the Atlantic coast of the United States of America, to connect the American and European coasts by telegraphic lines, wires, or submarine cables: *Provided*, That said company shall begin to lay said cable or cables within two years from the passage of this act; *And provided further*, That no amalgamation, combination to establish rates, union, or sale of cable interests established under this act, shall be made to any European or other cable companies, nor shall there be any fictitious increase or watering of stock; and any violation of the provision of this section shall work a forfeiture of all rights thereunder.

Right to construct telegraph lines, etc., between America and Europe granted, etc.

Provisos.

SEC. 2. That any telegraphic line or cable laid shall be subject to the following conditions, stipulations, and reservations, to wit:

Conditions, etc.

First. The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use of such line or lines, or cable or cables, as there may, by law, agreement, or otherwise be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign government whatever; and, in addition, the United States Government shall have the right to the exclusive use of a wire, at such time or times as they may require, not to exceed four hours out of every twenty-four, and at such rates as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State, but not to exceed twenty cents per word, nor less than ten cents per word. And the rates charged upon said line for messages for individuals shall not exceed twenty cents for each word.

Secondly. Citizens of the United States shall enjoy the same privileges as to the payment of rates for the transmission of messages as are enjoyed by the citizens of any other nation.

Thirdly. The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, dispatches of state, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the governments interested, the rates not to exceed those charged to individuals; secondly, dispatches on telegraphic service; and, thirdly, private dispatches.

Transmission of dispatches, order of. Rates.

Fourthly. The lines of any such cables shall be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence and all messages, dispatches, and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided.

Transmission of reports, etc.

Fifthly. Before extending and establishing any such line or lines, or cable or cables, in or over any waters, reefs, islands, shores, and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions imposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the parties above named, or a majority of them, their associates, successors, or assigns, or by the company or corporation which may be organized to construct and operate cables under this act.

Acceptance, etc., to be filed with Secretary of State.