

SEC. 2. That the President may nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint two quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of colonel, two quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, three quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of major, and twenty assistant quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of captain, and the Secretary of War may assign an officer of the Quartermaster's Department in charge of each principal depot of the Quartermaster's Department, not exceeding twelve, to be selected from the regular and volunteer officers of the Quartermaster's Department; and such officers while so acting shall have the rank next above that held by them and not above colonel, and the four principal assistants of the Quartermaster-General while so acting shall have the rank of colonel. The Secretary of War may assign such of the said volunteer quartermasters as may be deemed necessary to duty in the office of the Quartermaster-General, at the various supply depots or on other important and special work, and may continue such assignments for a period not exceeding one year after the close of the war, then to be discharged.

Quartermasters of volunteers.

Officer in charge of depots.

--rank.

Assignment to special work, etc. Post, p. 979.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 573.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the Subsistence Department of the Army.

July 7, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the existence of the present war, and for not exceeding one year thereafter, every commissary of subsistence, of whatever rank, who shall be assigned to the duty of purchasing and shipping subsistence supplies at important depots, shall have the rank next above that held by him and not above colonel, but the number so assigned shall only be such as may be found necessary, not exceeding twelve; also, that the two commissaries of subsistence who may be detailed as assistants to the Commissary-General of Subsistence, shall have the rank of colonel, provided that when any such officer is relieved from said duty, his temporary rank, pay and emoluments, shall cease, and he shall return to his lineal rank in the Department.

Army. Subsistence Department. Rank of commissaries of subsistence.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be added to the subsistence department in the volunteer service during the present war, and not to exceed one year thereafter, eight majors, and twelve captains for the discharge of such subsistence duties as may be assigned to them by the Secretary of War, to be nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be appointed by the President.

Temporary additional officers.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 574.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to grant to the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory."

July 7, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to grant to the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory,'" approved March fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Right of way of Gainesville, McAlester and St. Louis Railway through Indian Territory. Vol. 29, p. 44, amended.

"SEC. 4. That the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company shall have the right to begin the construction of its line of road as soon as a map of definite location of the route of said road from Red River through the Indian Territory to or near South McAlester is

Construction to begin on approval of map of location from Red River to South McAlester, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Construction between McAlester and Fort Smith.

filed with the Secretary of the Interior and approved by him: *Provided*, That a map of definite location of said road from South McAlester to Fort Smith shall be filed and approved before construction work shall be begun between McAlester and Fort Smith."

Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

**CHAP. 575.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act providing for the construction of a bridge across the Yalobusha River, between Leflore and Carroll counties, in the State of Mississippi," approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad may bridge the Yalobusha River.

*Ante*, p.366, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act providing for the construction of a bridge across the Yalobusha River, between Leflore and Carroll counties, in the State of Mississippi," approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred ninety-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Draw, etc.  
*Proviso.*  
Lawful structure and post route.

"That the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railway bridge across the Yalobusha River, at or near the mouth of the Yalobusha River, in Leflore County, Mississippi, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to unreasonably interfere with the navigation of said river and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided*, That a bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Secretary of War to prescribe regulations.

—to approve plans, etc.

"**SEC. 2.** That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and 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 a design and drawings of the proposed bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of two miles above and two miles below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

—changes.

Amendment.  
Interference with navigation.

"**SEC. 3.** That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure the reasonably free and unobstructed navigation of said river.

Toll.

"**SEC. 4.** That said company shall be permitted to charge and take such rates of toll for crossing said bridge as may be reasonable, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Draw.

"**SEC. 5.** That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats, and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its

Lights.