

bids in accordance with the provisions of law appertaining thereto, at an expense not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of three thousand dollars, payable out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a steam launch suitable for use in the customs collection district of Galveston, Texas.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

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CHAP. 357.—An Act To authorize the Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, to construct a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream in Geneva County, Alabama.

Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad may bridge Choctawhatchee River near Geneva, Ala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, a navigable stream, in the county of Geneva, State of Alabama; said bridge to be located about eleven miles from the town of Geneva in said county.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said The Chattahoochee and Gulf Railroad Company, of Alabama, shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridge, and maps of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the river, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plans and location are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Aids to navigation.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be kept and managed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and craft through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge at night, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Lights.

Changes.

Rights of railroads to use.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by 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 the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; 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 rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proof of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 5. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act and according 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 transportation over the same of

the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes over said bridge.

Postal telegraph, etc.

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

Commencement and completion.

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

Amendment.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 358.—An Act Authorizing the Mount Carmel Development Company to draw water from Wabash River at Grand Rapids, Wabash County, Illinois.

February 12, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Mount Carmel Development Company, a corporation chartered by the State of Illinois as of the date of October twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred, be, and the same is hereby, authorized and empowered to draw, by canal, flume, or race, from the pool of the Grand Rapids dam of the Wabash River, in the county of Wabash and State of Illinois, such supply of water as may be necessary or required for the purposes of said corporation during the continuance of said corporation: *Provided,* That such withdrawal of water shall not be so great as to be detrimental to the navigation of said Wabash River, and shall be under the direction and control of the Secretary of War: *And provided further,* That the said corporation shall submit detailed plans, showing the location and method of construction of said canal, flume, or race, to the Secretary of War for approval; and until he shall approve the same the work hereby authorized shall not be commenced.

Mount Carmel Development Company may draw water from Wabash River at Grand Rapids, Ill.

Provisos.
—control of supply, etc.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 359.—An Act Authorizing the establishment of a first-order light at or near Hillsboro Point, Florida.

February 12, 1901.

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 is hereby authorized to establish a first-order light at or near Hillsboro Point, Florida, at a cost not exceeding ninety thousand dollars.

Hillsboro Point, Fla. Establishment of a light authorized at.

Approved, February 12, 1901.

CHAP. 360.—An Act Granting permission to the Indians on the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, in the State of Minnesota, to cut and dispose of the timber on their several allotments on said reservation.

February 12, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Indians on the Grand Portage Indian Reservation, in the State of Minnesota, shall be, and they are hereby, permitted to cut and dispose of the timber on their several allotments, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Grand Portage Reservation, Minn. Indians may cut timber on their allotments, etc.

Approved, February 12, 1901.