

and structure contemplated, and that it shall be decided by the Secretary that said bridge does not and will not obstruct or impair the navigation of said South Canadian River: *Provided also*, That said bridge shall, at all times, be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other water 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 or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board: *Provided further*, That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if upon reasonable notice to said company to make such change or improvements the said company fails to do so, the Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same at the expense of said company, and all rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited; and Congress shall have power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of said river.

Approved, August 4, 1894.

August 4, 1894.

CHAP. 207.—An Act Providing for the sale of the old custom-house and lot connected therewith in the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky.
Sale of old custom-house authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when the public offices have been removed from the old custom-house, situated at the southwest corner of Third and Green streets, in the city of Louisville, State of Kentucky, and said building is in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury no longer needed for the use of the United States, the said Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to sell at public auction in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder, after thirty days' notice in two of the principal newspapers published in the said city of Louisville, the said building and lot on which it is located, and to give a quit claim deed to the purchaser thereof, and to deposit the proceeds of the sale to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as "miscellaneous receipts derived from the sale of Government property." The time and place of said sale in said city to be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, with power to reject any or all bids and to re-advertise and offer the said property in like manner as often as may be necessary to secure what in his judgment may be the value thereof, and the cost to be paid from the proceeds of sale: *Provided*, That before the said property is advertised for sale a Government appraisalment under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury shall be made of the value of the property—and that in the advertisement of sale notice shall be given that no bid will be received which is less than the appraised value of said property.

Approved, August 4, 1894.

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CHAP. 208.—An Act For the relief of persons who have filed declarations of intention to enter desert lands.

Public lands.
Time for final proof of desert-land entries extended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where declarations of intention to enter desert lands have been filed, and the four years' limit within which final proof may be made had not expired prior

to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the time within which such proof may be made in each such case is hereby extended to five years from the date of filing the declaration; and the requirement that the persons filing such declarations shall expend the full sum of one dollar per acre during each year toward the reclamation of the land is hereby suspended for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and such annual expenditure for that year, and the proof thereof, is hereby dispensed with: *Provided*, That within the period of five years from filing the declaration satisfactory proof be made to the register and receiver of the reclamation and cultivation of such land to the extent and cost and in the manner provided by existing law, except as to said year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and upon the payment to the receiver of the additional sum of one dollar per acre, as provided in existing law, a patent shall issue as therein provided.

Approved, August 4, 1894.

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Yearly payment suspended for 1894.

Proviso.
Final declaration.

CHAP. 209.—An Act Establishing a fog signal at Kewaunee, Wisconsin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established a fog signal at Kewaunee, Wisconsin, at a cost not exceeding five thousand five hundred dollars; and the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for that purpose.

Approved, August 4, 1894.

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Kewaunee, Wis.
Appropriation for fog signal.

CHAP. 210.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a light-ship, with fog signal, to be established to the eastward of Boston Light, Massachusetts, and for the establishment of range lights in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to construct a light-ship, with fog signal, to be placed about six nautical miles to the east by south of Boston Light, Massachusetts, at a cost not to exceed seventy thousand dollars; and he is hereby further directed to establish range lights in Boston Harbor, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Approved, August 4, 1894.

August 4, 1894.

Boston, Mass.
Light-ship to be built.

Harbor range lights.

CHAP. 211.—An Act To provide for the validation of affidavits made before United States Commissioners in all land entries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all entries under the homestead, pre-emption, timber-culture, or desert-land law made between May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the date of approval of this Act, and which are based on affidavits made before a United States court commissioner, instead of a United States circuit court commissioner, as provided by the Act of May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety (twenty-sixth Statute, one hundred and twenty-one), are hereby validated, if no other objection exists; and all final proofs on entries of the classes mentioned made before a United States court commissioner, not a United States circuit court commissioner, between the dates aforesaid will be adjudicated in the same manner as if said proofs were made before an officer authorized by law to take such testimony.

SEC. 2. That all entries under the homestead, pre-emption, timber-culture, or desert-land law, based on affidavits made before any officer

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Public lands.
Entries on affidavits before court commissioner validated.

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Final proofs.

Entries based on certain affidavits validated.