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Wilmington, N. C.
Immediate trans-
portation privileges
granted to.
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CHAP. 11.—An Act To make Wilmington, North Carolina, a port through which merchandise may be imported for transportation without appraisement.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the first section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of Wilmington, North Carolina.

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Savannah River, Ga.
B. W. Fair may
bridge, at Sand Bar
Ferry.

Unobstructed navi-
gation.

Location.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

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Changes.

Lawful structure
and post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Lights, etc.

Time of construc-
tion.

CHAP. 12.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Savannah River at Sand Bar Ferry, below the city of Augusta, Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That B. W. Fair, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to build and maintain a bridge across the Savannah River, at such point as may be selected by him and approved by the Secretary of War, at or near the present location of Sand Bar Ferry, where the public road leading from Augusta, Georgia, to Beach Island, South Carolina, crosses the river, the bridge to be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of the river.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized under this Act shall be located on the land of said B. W. Fair, and shall be constructed under and remain subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of the river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said B. W. Fair, his heirs or assigns, shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the proposed bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of at least one-quarter mile above and one-quarter mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, and the direction and strength of the current and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction or after its completion such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the bridge constructed under this Act shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which 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 charge usually made for similar service to the public generally; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge; and said structure shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said bridge; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board; and the said bridge shall be changed or altered at the cost and expense of the owners thereof from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the approval of this Act.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby reserved. Amendment.

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CHAP. 13.—An Act Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four, and for other purposes. December 23, 1902.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four, and for other purposes, namely:

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, one hundred and thirty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided further*, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered within the fiscal year nineteen hundred and four, eight hundred thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided*, That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further*, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant: *And provided further*, That the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically state the rating which in their judgment the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeons shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examiners of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *And provided further*, That hereafter no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in securing the introduction of a bill or the passage thereof through Congress granting pension or increase of pension; and any person who shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain any compensation for such services shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars. Invalid, etc., pensions.
Pensions appropriations.
Navy pensions.
Accounts.
Examining surgeons.
Fees.
Examinations.
No fee unless service rendered.
Rating.
Disabilities to be fully described.
Inspection of reports.
Pension attorneys, etc.
Penalty for receiving, etc., pay for securing special legislation.
Agents' salaries.

For clerk hire, four hundred and thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as Clerk hire.
Proviso.
Apportionment.