

Louisiana and Missouri Railroad Company may construct, &c. bridge over the Mississippi river at, &c.

Bridge to be a lawful structure and a post-route.

Charges.

Spans.

Piers.

Drawbridges;

to be opened promptly.

Act may be altered.

All railway companies to have equal rights to use the bridge.

Terms and conditions.

Bridge over the Missouri river at, &c. Glasgow.

Spans.

Piers.

Missouri River Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge over the Mississippi river at the city of Louisiana, in said State of Missouri.

SEC. 2. That said bridge 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 transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States.

SEC. 3. That if the said bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, it shall not be of less elevation in any case than fifty feet above high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, to the bottom chord of the bridge; nor shall the spans of said bridge over the main channel of said river be less than three hundred and fifty feet in length, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of said river: *And provided, also,* That if the same shall be constructed as a drawbridge, the draw or pivot shall be over the main channel of the river at an accessible navigable point, and the spans not less than two hundred feet in length in the clear; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of the river, and the spans shall not be less than ten feet above high-water mark to the bottom chord of said bridge: *Provided, also,* That said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passing of boats.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said Mississippi river by the construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

SEC. 5. That all railway companies desiring to use the said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the district court of the United States for the district in which said bridge is situated upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

SEC. 6. That a bridge may be constructed over the Missouri river at or within nine miles of the town of Glasgow, in Howard county, Missouri, by the said Louisiana and Missouri River Railroad Company: *Provided,* That the said bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, and shall not be of less elevation in any case than fifty feet above high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, to the bottom chord of the bridge; nor shall the spans of said bridge over the main channel of said river be less than three hundred and fifty feet in length, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of the river; and shall be subject to the same terms and restrictions as contained in this act for the construction of the bridge at Louisiana, Missouri.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

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CHAP. CXI. — *An Act relating to Records of the Courts of the United States.*

Lost records of judgments, &c. of United States courts may be supplied by certified copy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever the record of any judgment, or decree, or other proceeding of any judicial court of the United States shall have been or shall hereafter be lost or destroyed, any party or person interested therein may, on application to such court, and on showing to the satisfaction of such court that the same has been lost or destroyed without fault or neglect of the party or person making such application, obtain an order from such court authorizing such defect to be supplied by a duly certified copy of such original record, where the same

can be obtained, which certified copy shall thereafter have the same effect as such original record would have had in all respects.

SEC. 2. That whenever the loss or destruction of any such record shall have happened, or shall hereafter happen, and such defect cannot be supplied as provided in the next preceding section, any party or person interested therein may make a written application to the court to which such record belonged, verified by affidavit or affidavits, showing the loss or destruction thereof, and that certified copies thereof cannot be obtained by the party or person making such application, and the substance of the record so lost or destroyed, and that such loss or destruction occurred without the fault or neglect of the party or person making such application, and that the loss or destruction of such record, unless supplied, will or may result in damage to the party or person making such application, said court shall cause said application to be entered of record in said court, and due notice thereof shall be given by personal service of a copy thereof upon each and every person interested therein, other than the party or person making such application, together with written notice that on a day certain, not less than sixty days after such service, said application will be heard by said court; and if upon such hearing said court shall be satisfied that the statements contained in said written application are true, said court shall make an order reciting what was the substance and effect of said lost or destroyed record; which order shall be entered of record in said court, and have the same effect, subject to intervening rights, which said original record would have had if the same had not been lost or destroyed, so far as concerns the party or person making such application and the persons who shall have been personally served as provided for in this section.

Proceedings to supply such loss when certified copies cannot be had.

Application and notice.

Order of the court.

Effect of order.

SEC. 3. That in all causes which have been removed, or shall hereafter be removed, to the Supreme Court of the United States, a duly certified copy of the record of such cause remaining in the said Supreme Court may be filed in the court from which said cause was removed, on motion of any party or person claiming to be interested therein; and the copy so filed shall have the same effect as the original record would have had if the same had not been lost or destroyed.

In causes removed to the Supreme Court copy of record of Supreme Court may be filed in the court below. Effect of copy.

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CHAP. CXII. — *An Act relating to internal Taxes.*

March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act no tax shall be imposed upon any undistributable sum added to the contingent fund of any fire, marine, inland, life, health, accident, or like insurance company, nor upon any unearned premium or premiums received for risks assumed by such companies, nor shall any tax be hereafter collected which may have been assessed, or which shall have become liable to be assessed, upon such sums, fund, or premiums prior to the passage of this act.

No tax to be imposed upon certain sums added to the contingent fund of insurance companies.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial Expenses of the Government for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.*

March 3, 1871.

*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 service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:—

Legislative, executive, and judicial expense appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1872.