

Secretary of War approval, a plan with the necessary drawings of their bridge conforming to the above requirements, nor until he shall approve the plan and location of said bridge and notify the company of the same in writing; and should any change be made in the plan of the bridge, during the progress of the work thereon, such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said structure shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and the said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river. And the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation or modification by law whenever the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Changes.

Passage of vessels.

Right to erect, &c., bridge may be modified.

Act may be altered.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of said bridge without expense to the United States, is hereby expressly reserved.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

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CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act to provide for a Building for the Use of the Post-office, United States circuit and district Courts, and internal Revenue Offices, at Utica, New York.*

Building to be erected in Utica, New York, for post-office, court-house, &c.

Appropriation.

Plans and estimates.

Limit to expenditure.

No money to be used until the United States has title and the right to tax is relinquished.

*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 cause to be constructed a suitable building, with a fire-proof vault extending to each story, at Utica, New York, for the accommodation of the post-office, United States circuit and district courts, and internal revenue offices; and for this purpose there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building and payment for the site thereof beyond the amount herein appropriated: *Provided,* That no money hereby appropriated shall be used or applied for the purposes mentioned until a valid title to the land for the site of such building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State shall also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

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CHAP. CCXLIV. — *An Act to change the Location of the Railroad National Bank of Lowell, Massachusetts, to the City of Boston, Massachusetts.*

Railroad National Bank of Lowell may change its location to Boston.

Change how to be effected.

New name.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Railroad National Bank of Lowell, now located at Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, is hereby authorized to change its location to Boston in the county of Suffolk, and State aforesaid. Whenever the stockholders, representing three-fourths of the capital of said bank, at a meeting called for that purpose, determine to make such change, the president and cashier shall execute a certificate, under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying such determination, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon such change of location shall be effected, and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on under the name of the Rail-

road National Bank of Boston, in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested. And when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof and of such change shall be published in at least in one weekly newspaper in each of the counties of Middlesex and Suffolk, in the State of Massachusetts, for not less than four successive weeks.

Rights and liabilities of bank not affected.

Notice of change.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act takes effect.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCXLV. — *An Act conferring upon the Court of Claims Power to hear and determine the Claim of J. W. Parish and Company for Damages for the alleged Violation of their Contract with the United States for the Delivery of Ice.*

May 31, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby given to J. W. Parish and Company to commence a suit against the United States in the court of claims for the recovery of such damages as shall appear to have been sustained by them by reason of the alleged violation by agents of the United States of the contract entered into on the fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, by and between Henry Johnson, medical storekeeper United States army, and acting medical purveyor, and the said J. W. Parish and Company, for the delivery by said firm of the whole amount of ice required to be consumed at Nashville, Saint Louis, Cairo, and Memphis during the remainder of that year; and said court is hereby invested with full power and authority to hear and determine the validity of said claim, and the amount, if any, of the damages of said J. W. Parish and Company, resulting solely from the violation of the contract, in the refusal of the government to receive the entire thirty thousand tons named in said contract.

Court of claims may hear and determine claim of J. W. Parish and company.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCXLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of John Potts, chief Clerk of the War Department.*

June 1, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to John Potts, chief clerk of the War Department, for services as disbursing clerk, at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum, from the fifteenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful hereafter to pay for such services, at such rate, whether such clerk shall have been appointed from class four, or from a higher grade, any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Payment to John Potts for services as disbursing clerk.

Such services to be paid for hereafter, whether, &c.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCLIII. — *An Act to prescribe the Time for holding the Election for Electors of President and Vice-President in the State of Louisiana.*

June 1, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the State of Louisiana the election of representatives to the forty-third Congress, and the appointment of electors of President and Vice-President for said State, shall be on the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; not thereafter such elections and appointment shall be on the day designated by law for the other States.

Time for holding Presidential election in Louisiana in 1872;

and afterwards.

APPROVED, June 1, 1872.