

SEC. 4. That any person, company, or corporation owning or operating any bridge constructed under this act shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, throughout the year, such lights on their bridges as may be required by the light-house board for the security of navigation; and all persons owning or operating said bridge over the Mississippi river shall, in any event, maintain all lights on their bridge that may be necessary for the security of navigation.

Lights to be maintained on bridge.

SEC. 5. That the bridge constructed under this act, and according to its limitations, shall be deemed and taken to be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route for the transmission of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, and no higher charge per mile shall be made for the transmission of mails, troops, and munitions of war, or other property of the United States, in its passage across said bridge, than is charged on railroads approaching said bridge.

Bridge to be a lawful structure and post-route.

Charges.

SEC. 6. That the directors of said corporation may be citizens of any of the United States, and may hold their meetings in either of the States of Illinois and Missouri, as the board of directors may elect, and may execute a mortgage and issue bonds, payable, principal and interest, in gold.

Who may be directors of the corporation.
Mortgage bonds.

SEC. 7. That all railway companies desiring to use the said bridge after its completion 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 the approaches thereto, under and upon such equitable terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

All railway companies to have equal rights to use the bridge, &c.

SEC. 8. 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 is hereby expressly reserved; and any change in the construction or any alteration of said bridge that may be directed at any time by Congress shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof.

Right reserved to amend this act.
Changes in bridge to be made at whose expense.

This act shall be subject to amendment or repeal at the pleasure of Congress.

Act may be repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCIII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver condemned Ordnance to certain Organizations for monumental Purposes.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized to deliver, if the same can be done without detriment to the government, four condemned cannon and sixteen cannon-balls to each of the following-named organizations for the purpose of ornamenting burial-grounds of deceased soldiers:

Condemned ordnance to organizations for monumental purposes at

- To the Army and Navy Union of Portland, Maine; Portland;
- To the municipal authorities of the city of Syracuse, New York; Syracuse;
- To the Grand Army of the Republic, at Ansonia, Connecticut; Ansonia;
- To the Soldiers' Monument Association at Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Fitchburg;
- And to the municipal authorities of the village of Sturgis, Michigan, Sturgis.

one cannon and four cannon-balls.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCIV. — *An Act to confirm the Purchase by the Executive Department, on the eighth September, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, of a certain Tract of Land at Omaha, Nebraska.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States is hereby given to the purchase of a certain tract of land at Omaha,

Purchase of land at Omaha confirmed.

Credit to Major William Myers, in settlement of accounts.

Nebraska, for which, under order of his commanding officer, Major William Myers, paid the sum of eight thousand dollars; and the accounting officers are directed to credit him in settlement of his accounts with the sum of eight thousand dollars, upon the filing of satisfactory vouchers showing the payment of that sum to have been made by him under such order.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

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CHAP. CCCV.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, certain Land for the Use of a Street.*

Secretary of the Navy may convey to the city of Chelsea land for a street.

Description of the land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, for the purpose of laying out and maintaining a street from Chelsea bridge to Chestnut street in said city, the following described land, to wit: That the portion of the tract of land belonging to the United States, situated in the city of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, commencing on Broadway in said city, at the south-westerly corner of John H. Osgood's land and running northerly by land of said Osgood three hundred and twenty-six and fifty-one hundredths feet to land of the United States marine hospital; thence running westerly on the northerly line of Chestnut street, extending fifteen and fifty-one hundredths feet; thence running south-westerly by land of the United States marine and naval hospitals seven hundred and thirty-one feet to the northerly line of said Broadway; thence easterly by the northerly line of said Broadway, two hundred and seventy-two and thirty-three one hundredths feet; thence northerly by land of owners unknown, one hundred and thirty and seventy-five one hundredths feet; thence easterly by land of owners unknown, two hundred and fifty-eight and seventy-five one hundredths feet; thence southerly by land of owners unknown one hundred and thirty and seventy-five one hundredths feet to the line of said Broadway; thence easterly by the line of said Broadway forty-five feet, to the point of beginning; said portion of land containing about fifty thousand seven hundred and nine square feet: *Provided,* That before such conveyance shall be made, the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint a commission, consisting of one line-officer not below the rank of commodore, one surgeon, and one civil engineer, who shall report what amount, if anything, should be paid for such land, taking into account the advantages and the disadvantages of the proposed street to the property of the United States; and the sum so reported shall be paid, or secured to be paid, to the United States, and credited to the naval marine hospital funds.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCVI.—*An Act to authorize the President to ascertain the Value of certain Lands in the State of Iowa, north of the Raccoon Fork of the Des Moines River held by Settlers under the Pre-emption and Homestead Laws of the United States.*

Commissioners to ascertain the quantity and value of certain lands in Iowa, held by pre-emption and homestead settlers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three commissioners, who shall ascertain the number of acres, and by appraisement or otherwise the value thereof exclusive of improvements, of all such lands lying north of Raccoon Fork of the Des Moines river, in the State of Iowa, as may now be held by the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, or persons claiming title under it adversely to persons holding said lands, either by entry or under the pre-emption or homestead laws of the United States, and on what terms the adverse holders thereof will relinquish the same to the United States; and that they report the facts at the commencement of the next session of Congress; but nothing herein

Report to Congress.