

matters in this section mentioned, and to take steps to foreclose any mortgages or liens of the United States on any such railroad property.

Investment of  
sinking funds.

SEC. 5. That the sinking-funds which are or may be held in the Treasury for the security of the indebtedness of either or all of said railroad companies may, in addition to the investments now authorized by law, be invested in any bonds of the United States heretofore issued for the benefit of either or all of said companies, or in any of the first-mortgage-bonds of either of said companies which have been issued under the authority of any law of the United States and secured by mortgages of their roads and franchises, which by any law of the United States have been made prior and paramount to the mortgage, lien, or other security of the United States in respect of its advances to either of said companies as provided by law.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 346.—An act authorizing the employment of mail-messengers in the postal service.

Mail messengers.  
Employment au-  
thorized in certain  
cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ such mail-messenger service as may be necessary for the carriage of the mails in connection with railroad and steamboat service, transfer service between depots, over bridges or ferries, between post-offices, post-offices and branch offices or stations, in cases where by the laws and regulations of the Post-Office Department, railroad companies, steamboat companies, and the masters of vessels are not required to deliver into and take from the post-offices the mails carried on their lines or vessels.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 347.—An act providing an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit, and for other purposes.

Additional judge  
to be appointed,  
second judicial cir-  
cuit.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be appointed for the second circuit, by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in addition to the present circuit judge, another circuit judge, who shall have the same qualifications and shall have the same power and jurisdiction therein that the present circuit judge, has under existing laws, and who shall be entitled to the same compensation as the present circuit judge: *Provided,* That the applications and proceedings therein provided for by sections two thousand and eleven, two thousand and twelve, two thousand and thirteen, and two thousand and fourteen of the Revised Statutes shall be made and taken before the senior circuit judge of the second circuit; but in his absence or inability to act under said sections, or any of them, such applications and proceedings may be made and had before the junior circuit judge in said circuit.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 348.—An act to amend sections twenty-five hundred and thirty-three, and twenty-five hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, and making Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, a port of entry, in place of Middletown.

Hartford, Conn.,  
made port of entry  
and collection dis-  
trict in place of  
Middletown.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph three of section twenty-five hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America is hereby amended so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

R. S., sec. 2533,  
p. 498, amended.

“Third. The district of Hartford; to comprise the waters and shores of the towns of Saybrook, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Essex,

Chester, Haddam, East Haddam, Middletown, Cromwell, Catham, Portland, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Hartford, East Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks, East Windsor, South Windsor, Suffield, and Endfield, as bounded on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-six; in which Hartford shall be the port of entry, and Saybrook, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Essex, Chester, Haddam, East Haddam, Middletown, Chatham, Portland, Cromwell, Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Glastonbury, and East Hartford ports of delivery."

SEC 2. That paragraph three of section twenty-five hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America is hereby amended so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"Third. In the district of Hartford a collector, who shall reside at Hartford."

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Collector to reside at Hartford.

R. S., sec. 2534, p. 498.

**CHAP. 349.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at the most accessible point between the City of Kansas and the town of Sibley, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri.

Mar. 3, 1887.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Chicago, Kansas City and Texas Railway Company, a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Missouri River at the most accessible point, to be selected by it or them, between the City of Kansas and the town of Sibley, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and free passage shall be accorded to wagons and vehicles of all kinds, and for the transit of animals and for foot-passengers, under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said corporations, its successors or assigns, and be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Chicago, Kansas City and Texas Railway Company authorized to bridge Missouri River between Kansas City and Sibley, Mo.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations 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, or for passengers and freight passing over said bridge, 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.

To be a lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 3. That if said bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, the spans thereof shall not be less than three hundred feet in length in the clear, and the main span shall be over the main channel of the river; the lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge shall be at least fifty feet above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, and the bridge shall be at right angles to and its piers parallel with the current of the river: *Provided*, That if the same shall be constructed as a draw-bridge, the draw or pivot shall be over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and the spans shall not be less than three hundred feet in length in the clear, and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with and the bridge itself at right angles to the current of the river, and the spans shall not be less than ten feet above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, to the lowest part of the superstructure of said bridge: *Provided also*, That said draw shall be opened promptly by said company upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset till sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe. No bridge shall be erected or maintained under the authority of this act which shall at any time substan-

Spans.

*Provisos.*  
Draw.

Opening draw.

Lights.