

Residence, etc., on new selection. continuous residence upon the land, the subject of such new entry, for a period of not less than three months prior thereto. Payment for said final selection shall be made as under existing laws. The provisions of this act shall be carried into effect under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Regulations.

Approved, October 1, 1890.

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**CHAP. 1259.**—An act to promote the administration of justice in the Army.

Army.  
Summary court for trial of offenses of enlisted men in time of peace.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter in time of peace all enlisted men charged with offenses now cognizable by a garrison or regimental court-martial shall, within twenty-four hours from the time of their arrest, be brought before a summary court, which shall consist of the line officers second in rank at the post or station or of the command of the alleged offender, and at stations where only officers of the staff are on duty the officers second in rank shall constitute such court, who shall have power to administer oaths and to hear and determine the case, and when satisfied of the guilt of the accused party adjudge the punishment to be inflicted. There shall be a summary court record-book or docket kept at each military post, and in the field at the headquarters of the command, in which shall be entered a record of all cases heard and determined and the action had thereon, and no sentence adjudged by said summary court shall be executed until it shall have been approved by the post or other commander: *Provided,* That when but one commissioned officer is present with a command he shall hear and finally determine such cases as require summary action: *Provided further,* That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to prescribe specific penalties for such minor offenses as are now brought before garrison and regimental courts-martial: *Provided, further,* That any enlisted man charged with an offense and brought before such summary court may, if he so desires, object to a hearing and determination of his case by such court and request a trial by court-martial, which request shall be granted as of right, and when the court is the accuser the case shall be heard and determined by the post-commander, or by regimental or garrison court-martial: *And provided further,* That post and other commanders shall, on the last day of each month, make a report to the department headquarters of the number of cases determined by summary court during the month, setting forth the offenses committed and the penalties awarded, which reports shall be filed in the office of the judge-advocate of the department.

Arrest, etc., of deserters by civil officers.

SEC. 2. That it shall be lawful for any civil officer having authority under the laws of the United States or of any State, Territory, or District, to arrest offenders, to summarily arrest a deserter from the military service of the United States and deliver him into the custody of the military authority of the General Government.

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**CHAP. 1260.**—An act granting leaves of absence to clerks and employees in first and second class post-offices, and to employees of the Post-Office Department employed in the mail-bag repair shops connected with said Department.

Postal service.  
Leave of absence for fifteen days to employees in first and second class post-offices, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after July first, eighteen hundred and ninety, the clerks and employees attached to first and second class post-offices and the employees of the mail-bag repair shops connected with the Post-Office

Department of the United States, whether employed by the month, day or otherwise, be allowed leaves of absence, with full pay, for not exceeding fifteen days in any one fiscal year: *Provided*, That no clerk nor employee be granted a leave under the provisions of this bill until he has performed service for one year.

*Proviso.*  
One year's service, before entitled.

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**CHAP. 1261.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Altamaha River.

October 1, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the assent of the United States of America is hereby given to the Brunswick, Athens and Northwestern Railroad Company, a corporation incorporated by the laws of the State of Georgia, its successors and assigns, and such other persons as may be associated with it, to construct and maintain a bridge over the Altamaha River at a point by it to be selected at or near Oglethorpe Bluff.

Brunswick, Athens and Northwestern Railway Company may bridge Altamaha River at Oglethorpe Bluff, Ga.

**SEC. 2.** That the bridge shall be so constructed by draw-span or otherwise that a free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all vessels and other water craft navigating said river; that any bridge constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, the design and drawings of the bridge, piers, and approaches, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of at least one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high water and at low water, and the direction and strength of the currents at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, wharves, landings, or ferries, and shall furnish such other information as shall 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 after such approval by the Secretary of War the approved plans and designs for the bridge shall not be deviated from or added to either during the construction or after the completion of the bridge until the proposed change shall have been submitted to the Secretary of War and received his approval; and the said bridge 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 bridge; and if said bridge be built with a draw said draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats or other craft; and the said company or corporation shall maintain at its own expense, from sunset until sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light House Board shall prescribe; and if at any time the navigation of said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the bridge authorized by this act to be constructed, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require said company to alter and change said bridge at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if upon reasonable notice to said company, its successors or assigns, to make such change or improvements, the said company fails to do so, The Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same, and all the rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited upon said failure, and Congress shall have the power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of said river: *Provided, also*, That nothing in this act

Construction.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Passage of vessels.

Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

Obstructed navigation.

Structural changes.

Forfeiture.

*Proviso.*