

CHAP. 520.—An act granting the right of way to the Metropolitan Southern Railroad Company through the property of the United States in Montgomery County, Maryland.

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Metropolitan Southern Railroad Company is hereby authorized to construct its road across the grounds of the United States forming a part of the grounds of the receiving reservoir, in Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, north of the northeast boundary line of the District of Columbia, and for that purpose said company is hereby granted a width of sixty feet, at grade, and such additional width as it may require for slopes of cuttings and embankments, across said grounds for its right of way through the grounds aforesaid: *Provided,* That the location and plans of said road through said grounds shall be approved by the Secretary of War before the commencement of any work on said grounds, and the work of construction and the operating of said road shall be subject to such regulations as he may prescribe; and the damages for the use and occupation of the right of way herein granted shall be fixed by a board of three Army officers appointed by the Secretary of War, and the payment of said damages so fixed shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the rights by this act granted, which are to terminate at the pleasure of the Secretary of War, in case of persistent neglect by said company, or by its successors, to comply with the regulations aforesaid.

Metropolitan Southern Railroad Company granted right of way through grounds of receiving reservoir, Montgomery County, Md.

Width.

Proviso.

Approval by Secretary of War.

Damages.

To be paid before right exercised.

Termination.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 521.—An act to provide for the safe transport and humane treatment of export cattle from the United States to foreign countries, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to examine all vessels which are to carry export cattle from the ports of the United States to foreign countries, and to prescribe by rules and regulations or orders the accommodations which said vessels shall provide for export cattle, as to space, ventilation, fittings, food and water supply and such other requirements as he may decide to be necessary for the safe and proper transportation and humane treatment of such animals.

Export cattle. Rules for accommodation and humane treatment to be made.

SEC. 2. That whenever the owner, owners, or master of any vessel carrying export cattle shall wilfully violate or cause or permit to be violated any rule, regulation or order made pursuant to the foregoing section the vessel in respect of which such violation shall occur may be prohibited from again carrying cattle from any port of the United States for such length of time, not exceeding one year, as the Secretary of Agriculture may direct, and such vessel shall be refused clearance from any port of the United States accordingly.

Penalties for violations.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 522.—An act giving the consent of the United States to the erection of a bridge across Portage Lake, Houghton County, Michigan, between the villages of Houghton and Hancock.

March 3, 1891.

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 county of Houghton, within the State of Michigan, the same being a body corporate existing under and by virtue of the constitution and laws of said State, to erect or cause to be erected, and maintain the same, a free bridge, with one or more roadways, footways, and draws, over and across Portage

Houghton County, Mich., may bridge Portage Lake between Houghton and Hancock.

Free bridge.