

understanding of the subject. And until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Changes.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 6. That Congress hereby expressly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, April 16, 1896.

CHAP. 107.—An Act Providing for disposal of lands on abandoned portions of the Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation in Montana, and for the relief of certain settlers thereon.

April 18, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands which have been or may hereafter be excluded from the limits of the Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation in the State of Montana shall be open to the operation of the laws regulating homestead entry, except section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes, and to entry under the town-site laws and the laws governing the disposal of coal lands, desert lands, and mineral lands, and shall not be subject to sale under the provisions of any Act relating to the sale of abandoned military reservations: *Provided,* That if the entire reservation be abandoned for military purposes this Act shall not apply to an area one mile square embracing the Government buildings at Fort Assiniboine.

Montana.
Abandoned part of Fort Assiniboine reservation opened to entry.

Commutation accepted.
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

Provido.
Government buildings, etc., reserved.

SEC. 2. That all entries heretofore made in good faith under either the homestead, town-site, desert-land, or mineral-land laws of the United States upon any of the excluded portions of said Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation shall be held valid, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to reinstate such entries under either of said laws as he may heretofore have canceled because of a construction based upon the opinion that the laws mentioned in section one of this Act did not apply to the abandoned portions of said reservation.

Previous entries validated.

Approved, April 18, 1896.

CHAP. 108.—An Act Granting to the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, its lessee in perpetuity, the right of way over a part of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservation in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

April 18, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, and to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, as lessee in perpetuity of the railroad lines and property of said Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company, the right of way for the railroad of said Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company as so leased, one hundred feet in width, fifty feet on each side of the center of the track, as existing and located on and since the seventh day of April, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-five, through the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservation in the States of Kansas and Nebraska and over the allotments in severalty of certain Indians thereon, commencing upon the allotment of Sidney Perry at the southeast corner of said reservation and extending northwestwardly to a point one thousand two hundred and seventy-four feet west of the east line of the allotment of Stephen Story in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, township one north, of range eighteen east, in

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Location.