

March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 369.**—An Act To amend section three of an Act entitled "An Act to change the time and places for the district and circuit courts of the northern district of Texas," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Texas judicial district.  
Transfer of pending cases, northern and western districts.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section three of the Act entitled "An Act to change the time and places for the district and circuit courts of the northern district of Texas" be so amended as to read as follows: "That all actions or proceedings now pending in the courts of the northern or western district of Texas against parties residing in either of the counties from which process is made returnable to the courts to be held at Fort Worth, San Angelo, and Abilene, respectively, may, on the application of either party to such actions or proceedings, be transferred to the court at which said proceedings would be returnable as provided in this Act; and in case of such transfer all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal entries, shall be transferred to the office of the deputy clerk of the said court, and the same shall proceed in all respects as if originally commenced in said court."

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**CHAP. 370.**—An Act Authorizing the extension of the post-office building at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Springfield, Mass.  
Extension of post-office building authorized.  
Limit of cost.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the post-office building at Springfield, Massachusetts, to be extended and enlarged so as to provide necessary accommodations for the post-office, at a cost not to exceed twenty thousand dollars, including all necessary changes in and repairs to the present structure.

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**CHAP. 371.**—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Monongahela River at Morgantown, in the State of West Virginia.

Monongalia County may bridge Monongahela River, at Morgantown, W. Va.

*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 county court of Monongalia County, West Virginia, a corporation under the laws of said State, to construct and maintain a bridge over the Monongahela River at Morgantown, in said State.

Aids to navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That the bridge shall be so constructed that a free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all vessels and other water craft navigating said river; and any bridge constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the securing of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said county court shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, the designs 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 and low water, and the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of other bridge or bridges, wharfs, 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 commenced or 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

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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 under said bridge; 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.

SEC. 3. 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 mail, the troops and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the public highways leading to said bridge, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads of the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for said postal-telegraph purposes.

Lawful structure and post route.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

SEC. 4. 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 hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 372.—An Act Providing for the purchase of additional property for the use of the post-office and other Government offices in the city of Brooklyn, State of New York.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, the property known as lot thirty-six, block twenty, Ward Four, lying on the east side of Washington street, one hundred and seventy-five feet north of Johnson street and one hundred and twenty-two feet ten inches south of Tillary street, in the city of Brooklyn and State of New York, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices in said city of Brooklyn: *Provided,* That the purchase price shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars.

Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Purchase of additional property for public building at, authorized.

Proviso.  
Limit of cost.

SEC. 2. That no money shall be used for the purpose mentioned until a valid title to the site for the said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of New York shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Title, etc.

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CHAP. 373.—An Act For the erection of a public building at Elmira, New York.

March 2, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable, commodious, and substantial building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office, internal-

Elmira, N. Y.  
Public building authorized.