

constructed as a drawbridge, the draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats and vessels; and whatever kind of bridge is constructed, the owners thereof shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals thereon as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Lights.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall not be built or commenced until the plans and location of the same shall have been approved by the Secretary of War; and no change shall be made in its construction, and no alteration of it shall be made after its construction, unless such change or alteration shall, in like manner, receive the approval of the Secretary of War. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by the said company at its own expense.

Approval of plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War, upon receiving the design, drawings, and specifications of said bridge, and a map of the location, and such other information as he may call for, and upon being satisfied that the bridge when built according to such designs and drawings will be in accordance with the requirements of this Act and will not unreasonably obstruct the navigation of said river, be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to approve said design, drawings, and specifications, and to so notify said Kingston Bridge and Terminal Railway Company; and upon receiving such notification the said Kingston Bridge and Terminal Railway Company may proceed to construct said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved design, drawings, and specifications.

—notification, etc.

SEC. 5. That any bridge built under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States shall be transmitted free of charge, and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge: *Provided*, That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of any disagreement between the parties in regard to the terms of such use or the sums to be paid, all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs submitted to him.

Lawful structure and post route.

Postal telegraph.

Proviso.
Rights of railroads to use.

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

Amendment.

SEC. 7. 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.

Approved, February 8, 1901.

CHAP. 348.—An Act For the establishment of a beacon light on Hambrook Bar, Choptank River, Maryland, and for other purposes.

February 8, 1901.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to have established a beacon light on Hambrook Bar, Choptank River, Maryland, and beacon range lights to guide into the harbor of Cambridge, Maryland, at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

Hambrook Bar, Choptank River, Md., beacon light authorized at.

Approved, February 8, 1901.