

Lands for tracts re-  
linquished.

SEC. 5. That in cases in which a tract covered by an unperfected bona fide claim or by a patent is included within the limits of this park, the settler or owner thereof may, if he desires to do so, relinquish the tract to the Government and secure other land, outside of the park, in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to the subject of such relinquishment of lands in forest reserves in the State of South Dakota.

Penalty for unlaw-  
ful intrusions, etc.

SEC. 6. That all persons who shall unlawfully intrude upon said park, or who shall without permission appropriate any object therein or commit unauthorized injury or waste in any form whatever upon the lands or other public property therein, or who shall violate any of the rules and regulations prescribed hereunder, shall upon conviction be fined in a sum not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned for a period not more than twelve months, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, January 9, 1903.

January 10, 1903.

[Public, No. 17.]

**CHAP. 87.**—An Act To authorize and empower the Southwest Louisiana Rice Growers' Association, of the State of Louisiana, to construct a lock or locks and a dam in Bayou Vermilion, in the State of Louisiana.

Bayou Vermilion,  
La.  
Southwest Louisi-  
ana Rice Growers'  
Association may con-  
struct dam, etc., in.

Provisos.  
Payment of cost.  
Secretary of War to  
approve plans, etc.

Construction.

Maintenance.  
Unobstructed navi-  
gation.

Fishways.

Time limit.

Amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Southwest Louisiana Rice Growers' Association, of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct a lock or locks and a dam near the mouth of Bayou Vermilion, or at some suitable point in said bayou, to be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That said lock or locks and a dam shall be constructed and paid for by said association. The examination and surveys for the construction of said lock or locks and a dam, and the construction of the same, shall be subject to the supervision of the United States engineers and done in accordance with plans and specifications to be furnished by said association and approved by the Secretary of War. The work on said lock or locks and a dam may commence as soon as said association shall judge proper after the survey provided for above shall have been made and plans and specifications for said lock or locks and a dam shall have been approved by the Secretary of War. The maintenance of said lock or locks and a dam shall devolve on said association, which shall at all times keep same in proper condition and so as not to interfere with the free navigation of said bayou; nor shall said association at any time impose any toll for the passage of any craft through said lock or locks: *Provided further,* That such suitable fishways as may be prescribed by the United States Fish and Fisheries Commission shall be provided in the said dam by the said association.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void unless the privilege hereby granted shall be availed of within two years from the date hereof.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 10, 1903.

January 10, 1903.

[Public, No. 18.]

**CHAP. 88.**—An Act To authorize and empower the Rice Irrigation and Improvement Association, of the State of Louisiana, to construct a lock or locks and a dam in Mermentau River, in the State of Louisiana.

Mermentau River,  
La.  
Rice Irrigation and  
Improvement Assoc-  
iation may construct  
dam, etc., in.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Rice Irrigation and Improvement Association, of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct a lock or locks and a dam near the mouth of Mermentau River or at some suitable point in said river, to be approved