

the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river or rivers, the direction and strength of the current at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge or bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge or bridges during the progress of construction or after completion, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and any changes which the Secretary of War may require at any time in the said structures shall be promptly made by the said company at its own expense.

Changes.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge or bridges authorized by this Act 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 the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, and in case the owner or owners of the said bridge or bridges and the several railroad companies or any one of them desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge or bridges, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge or bridges shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 4. That on any bridge or bridges constructed under the provisions of this Act there shall be maintained at the expense of the company or corporation owning or controlling the same such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Time of construction.

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

Amendment.

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

Approved, April 12, 1904.

April 12, 1904.
[H. R. 10004.]

[Public. No. 106.]

CHAP. 1248.—An Act To authorize the Vulcan Coal Company, of Vulcan, West Virginia, to bridge the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at Vulcan, Mingo County, West Virginia, where the same forms the boundary line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky.

Tug Fork of Big Sandy River.
Vulcan Coal Company may bridge, at Vulcan, W. Va.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Vulcan Coal Company, a corporation organized under the laws of West Virginia, to construct and maintain a footbridge and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River, at Vulcan, Mingo County, West Virginia, where the same forms the boundary line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, as the said company may deem suitable for its purposes, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, or for through passengers, or freight passing over said bridge and approaches than the rate per mile paid for transportation over the railroads leading to

said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal, telegraph, and telephone purposes without charge therefor across said bridge and approaches. Said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, giving for the space of one mile above and one mile below the purposed location the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the current at all stages of the water, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and any changes which the Secretary of War may require at any time in the said structure shall be promptly made by the said company at its own expense.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 3. That on any bridge constructed under the provisions of this Act there shall be maintained at the expense of the company or corporation owning or controlling the same such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Lights, etc.

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.

Time of construction.

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

Amendment.

Approved, April 12, 1904.

CHAP. 1249.—An Act To amend an Act approved December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant additional water rights to hotels and bath houses at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

April 12, 1904.
[H. R. 13674.]

[Public. No. 107.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of the Act entitled "An Act to correct an error of enrollment in bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes," approved December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (Twentieth Statutes at Large, page two hundred and fifty-eight), be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the second proviso of the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Hot Springs Reservation, Ark.
Water privileges extended.

Vol. 20, p. 258 amended.

"*And provided further,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant to hotels having bath houses attached, and to bath houses situated on the Hot Springs Reservation, as well as in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, the right to install, maintain, and use, either in said bath houses or in connection with the rooms of said hotels or the bath houses attached to said hotels, as many bath tubs as in his discretion he may deem proper and necessary for the public service and the amount of hot water will justify."

Proviso.
Limit to number of bath tubs removed.

Approved, April 12, 1904.