

Attorney-General of the United States to institute and conduct such proceedings upon the request of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That all the expenses of said proceedings and any award that may be made thereunder shall be paid by the said person, company, or corporation, to secure which payment the Secretary of War may require the said person, company, or corporation to execute a proper bond in such amount as he may deem necessary before said proceedings are commenced.

Proviso.
Expenses.

Bond.

Approved, May 16, 1906.

CHAP. 2466.—An Act To authorize the Northampton and Halifax Bridge Company to construct a bridge across Roanoke River at or near Weldon, North Carolina.

May 16, 1906.
[H. R. 18204.]

[Public, No. 170.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Northampton and Halifax Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a wagon, cart, vehicle, and footway bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Roanoke River at or near the town of Weldon, in the State of North Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Roanoke River.
Northampton and
Halifax Bridge Com-
pany may bridge, near
Weldon, N. C.
Wagon and foot
bridge.

Ante, p. 84.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 16, 1906.

CHAP. 2469.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to allot homesteads to the natives of Alaska.

May 17, 1906.
[S. 5637.]

[Public, No. 171.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion and under such rules as he may prescribe, to allot not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres of nonmineral land in the district of Alaska to any Indian or Eskimo of full or mixed blood who resides in and is a native of said district, and who is the head of a family, or is twenty-one years of age; and the land so allotted shall be deemed the homestead of the allottee and his heirs in perpetuity, and shall be inalienable and nontaxable until otherwise provided by Congress. Any person qualified for an allotment as aforesaid shall have the preference right to secure by allotment the nonmineral land occupied by him not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres.

Alaska.
Homestead allot-
ments to natives.

Allotments inalien-
able and nontaxable.
Preference rights.

Approved, May 17, 1906.

CHAP. 2470.—An Act For the relief of certain entrymen and settlers within the limits of the Northern Pacific Railway land grant.

May 17, 1906.
[S. 2292.]

[Public, No. 172.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act of July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight (Thirtieth Statutes, pages five hundred and ninety-seven and six hundred and twenty), which provided for the adjustment by the Land Department of conflicting claims to lands within the limits of the grant to the Northern

Northern Pacific
Railway.

Relief of settlers on lands granted to. Vol. 30, pp. 597, 620. Vol. 31, p. 950. Provisions extended.

Pacific Railroad Company, and also the provisions of the Act of March second, nineteen hundred and one, entitled "An Act for the relief of settlers under the public land laws to lands within the indemnity limits of the grant to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company," be, and they hereby are, extended to include any bona fide settlement or entry made subsequent to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and prior to May thirty-first, nineteen hundred and five, in accordance with the erroneous decision of the Land Department respecting the withdrawal on general route of the Northern Pacific Railroad between Wallula, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, where the same has not since been abandoned: *Provided*, That all lieu selections made under this Act shall be confined to lands within the State where the private holdings are situated.

Proviso. Lieu land selections.

Effect.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall become effective upon an acceptance thereof by the Northern Pacific Railway Company being filed with the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, May 17, 1906.

May 17, 1906. [H. R. 13783.]

CHAP. 2471.—An Act To provide souvenir medallions for The Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association.

[Public, No. 173.]

Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association. Souvenir medallions for, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of aiding in securing a proper and adequate celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the southwest expedition of Lieutenant Zebulon Montgomery Pike and of the exploring of the territory of the upper Arkansas Valley, including portions of the States of Kansas and Colorado and of the Territory of New Mexico, said celebration to be held at some proper place in the immediate vicinity of Pike's Peak, Colorado, in the year nineteen hundred and six, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to have prepared, in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, two dies for medallions, of such design and size as may be designated by The Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, and approved by him; and he shall have made and struck, at some one of the mints of the United States, from these dies such number of medallions of silver or bronze, not to exceed in the aggregate one hundred thousand, and in such quantities as may be requested by the said monument association, the net proceeds from the sale of the said proposed medallions to be applied exclusively to the fund to defray the expenses of construction and erection of a monument to said Pike and of the exercises in dedication thereof under the auspices of the said monument association.

Maximum number.

Proceeds of sale.

Material.

SEC. 2. That the material from which said proposed medallions are to be made shall be furnished by the Secretary of the Treasury on or before the first day of August, nineteen hundred and six, in such amounts and in such proportions as the president of said The Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association may, in writing request, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall deliver said medallions, when made, to the President of said The Zebulon Montgomery Pike Monument Association upon the payment to the Secretary of the Treasury of an amount not less than the cost thereof.

Approved, May 17, 1906.

May 23, 1906. [H. R. 8976.]

CHAP. 2552.—An Act To change the line of the reservation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and of Reserve avenue.

[Public, No. 174.]

Hot Springs Reservation, Ark. Boundary lines changed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the line of the Government reservation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and of Reserve avenue, be changed so as to run from stone monument twenty-six to stone