

constitution and State government and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States," and all other laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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**CHAP. 2912.**—An Act Permitting the erection of a dam across Coosa River, Alabama, at the place selected for Lock Numbered Twelve on said river.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Alabama Power Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama, its successors and assigns, to build a dam, of such height as the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War may approve, across the Coosa River, in Alabama, at the place selected for the location of Lock and Dam Numbered Twelve on said river, as located in the survey made by the engineers of the United States of the Coosa and Alabama rivers in Georgia and Alabama, in compliance with the requirements of the river and harbor Act approved June thirteenth, nineteen hundred and two, for the development of water power, and such works and structures in connection therewith as may be necessary or convenient in the development of said power and in the utilization of the power thereby developed: *Provided*, That plans for the construction of said dam and appurtenant works shall be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before the commencement of the construction of the same: *Provided further*, That the Alabama Power Company, its successors or assigns, shall not deviate from such plans after such approval, either before or after the completion of said structures, unless the modification of said plans shall have previously been submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That said dam and appurtenant works shall be limited to the use of the surplus water only of the river not required for the navigation of the Coosa River, and that no structure shall be built and no operations conducted under the provisions of this Act which shall at any time injure or interfere with the navigation of said river or impair the usefulness of any improvement by the Government in the interests of navigation.

**SEC. 2.** That the said dam shall be so constructed, including a proper forebay, that the Government of the United States may at any time construct in connection therewith a suitable lock or locks for navigation purposes, and may at any time, without compensation, control the said dam or other structures and the level of the pool caused by such dam so far as shall be necessary for purposes of navigation, but shall not destroy the water power developed by said dam and structures to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation, and that the Secretary of War may at any time require and enforce, at the expense of the owners, such modifications and changes in the construction of such dam as may be necessary in the interest of navigation: *Provided*, That the Alabama Power Company, its successors or assigns, shall furnish the necessary electric current, while its power plant is in operation, to move the gates and operate the locks in connection with said dam and to light the United States buildings and grounds free of cost to the United States: *Provided further*, That the Alabama Power Company, its successors or assigns, is hereby granted the right to use any lands which may belong to the United States of America and necessary for the construction and maintenance of said dam and appurtenant works, or which may be inundated with water by reason of the construction of said dam and appurtenant works, and in consideration therefor the

Coosa River, Ala.  
Alabama Power  
Company may dam.

Location.

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*Provisos.*  
Secretary of War to  
approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Unobstructed navigation.

Locks.

Changes.

*Provisos.*  
Electric power.

Use of lands for construction, etc.

said company, its successors or assigns, shall, upon request of the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, convey free of cost to the United States of America such suitable tract or tracts of land as may be selected by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War for the establishment of such lock or locks and approaches and other purposes as the needs of navigation may require.

Conveyance of other lands to the United States.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be null and void unless the dam herein authorized be commenced within three years and completed within seven years from the time of the passage of this Act.

Time of construction.

SEC. 4. The authority herein conferred shall, except as herein specifically provided, be subject in all respects to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of dams across navigable waters," approved June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and six.

*Ante*, p. 386.

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

Amendment.

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**CHAP. 2913.**—An Act To amend the national banking Act, and for other purposes.

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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 six of an Act to define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes, approved March fourteenth, nineteen hundred, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Currency act.  
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"SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to receive deposits of gold coin with the Treasurer, or any assistant treasurer of the United States in sums of not less than twenty dollars, and to issue gold certificates therefor in denominations of not less than ten dollars, and the coin so deposited shall be retained in the Treasury and held for the payment of such certificates on demand, and used for no other purpose. Such certificates shall be receivable for customs, taxes, and all public dues, and when so received may be reissued, and when held by any national banking association may be counted as a part of its lawful reserve: *Provided*, That whenever and so long as the gold coin and bullion held in the reserve fund in the Treasury for the redemption of United States notes and Treasury notes shall fall and remain below one hundred million dollars the authority to issue certificates as herein provided shall be suspended: *And provided further*, That whenever and so long as the aggregate amount of United States notes and silver certificates in the general fund of the Treasury shall exceed sixty million dollars the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, suspend the issue of the certificates herein provided for: *And provided further*, That of the amount of such outstanding certificates one-fourth at least shall be in denominations of fifty dollars or less: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, issue such certificates in denominations of ten thousand dollars, payable to order. And section fifty-one hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby repealed."

Gold certificates issued for deposits of gold coin.

Denomination reduced.  
Vol. 31, p. 47, amended.

*Proviso*,  
Suspension of issue.  
On reduction of reserve fund.  
*Ante*, p. 202.

On increase of silver certificates, etc., in the Treasury.

Denominations of outstanding certificates.

Large notes.

R. S., sec. 5193, p. 1004, repealed.

Treasury notes.  
Issue when deficiency exists in small silver certificates.  
Vol. 31, p. 47.

SEC. 2. That whenever and so long as the outstanding silver certificates of the denominations of one dollar, two dollars, and five dollars, issued under the provisions of section seven of an Act entitled "An Act to define and fix the standard of value, to maintain the parity of all forms of money issued or coined by the United States, to refund the public debt, and for other purposes," approved March fourteenth, nineteen hundred, shall be, in the opinion of the Secretary of the