

Vol. 38, p. 279, repealed.

gress of his action on claims of postmasters for loss by burglary, fire, or other unavoidable casualty, is hereby repealed.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.
[S. 4344.]
[Public, No. 588.]

CHAP. 878.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State highway commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across White River at or near Clarendon, Arkansas.

White River.
Arkansas highway
commission may bridge,
at Clarendon.

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 State highway commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the White River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Clarendon, Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Tolls, under State,
etc., operation.
Rates, to be applied
to operation, sinking
fund, etc.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient (1) to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches; (2) the interest on borrowed money necessarily required and financing charges necessarily incurred in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches; and (3) to provide a sinking fund sufficient to retire the bonds issued and sold in connection with such original construction. All revenue received from the bridge shall be applied to the foregoing purposes, and no bonds issued in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches shall be made to mature later than twenty years after the date of issue thereof.

Application of revenues.

Maintenance as free
bridge after retiring
bonds.

After a fund sufficient to retire such bonds in accordance with their provisions shall have been so provided, the bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated as a free highway bridge upon which no tolls shall be charged. An accurate and itemized record of the original cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, the interest charges paid, and the tolls charged and the daily revenues received from the bridge shall be kept by the State highway commission of Arkansas, and shall be available at all reasonable times for the information of all persons interested.

Record of expenditure
and receipts.

Amendment.

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

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May 29, 1928.
[S. 4327.]
[Public, No. 589.]

CHAP. 879.—An Act To relinquish the title of the United States to land in the claim of Seth Dean, situate in the county of Washington, State of Alabama.

Washington County,
Ala.
Title of United States
relinquished of lands
in, claimed by Seth
Dean.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to section 41, all in township 3 north, range 1 east, Saint Stephens meridian, Washington County, Alabama, containing six hundred and forty acres, as shown on a plat of survey made by Thomas Freeman, surveyor, of United States land south of Tennessee, approved January 26, 1849, and segregated thereon as the claim of Seth Dean be, and the same is hereby, released, relinquished, and confirmed by the United States to the equitable owners of the equitable titles thereto, and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued according to law: *Provided,* That this Act shall amount only to a relinquishment of any title that the United States has, or is supposed to have,

Proviso.
Only title of United
States relinquished.

in and to any of said lands, and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the equitable owners of said lands by reason of long continuous possession under color of title with claim of ownership, or otherwise, under the laws of the State of Alabama, including the laws of prescription and limitation, in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Rights of equitable owners not affected.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

CHAP. 880.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to dispose of two bridges on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in Arizona, and for other purposes.

May 29, 1928.
[S. 4321.]

[Public, No. 500.]

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized under such terms and conditions as he may deem proper, to dispose of two bridges, one across the Gila River on the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, Arizona, and the other across the San Carlos River on that reservation, constructed in pursuance to a provision in an Act approved July 15, 1913 (Thirty-eighth Statutes at Large, page 85), that will no longer be serviceable after the completion of the Coolidge Dam now being constructed across the Gila River, in Arizona, the proceeds from such sale to be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the San Carlos Indians and draw interest at 4 per centum per annum.

San Carlos Apache Reservation, Ariz.
Disposal of two bridges across Gila, and San Carlos Rivers on, authorized.

Proceeds to credit of San Carlos Indians.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

CHAP. 881.—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to sell three thousand three hundred and four and eight-tenths square feet of the Fort Brown Military Reservation, Brownsville, Texas, to the Gateway Bridge Company.

May 29, 1928.
[S. 4315.]

[Public, No. 591.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell, or cause to be sold, to the Gateway Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, at the appraised value as determined by the Secretary of War, approximately three thousand three hundred and four and eight-tenths square feet of ground of the Fort Brown Military Reservation, Brownsville, Texas, particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an unmarked point in the north line of the Fort Brown Military Reservation, said point bearing south sixty-six degrees twelve minutes west twenty-two and two-tenths feet from a ten inch by ten inch concrete Government monument set at intersection of north line of Levee Street with north reservation line; thence north sixty-six degrees twelve minutes east one hundred and forty-nine and ninety-four one-hundredths feet along the said north reservation line to its point of intersection with the south line of a twenty-foot alley between Levee and Elizabeth Streets; thence south forty-three degrees fifty-one minutes east twenty-one and three-tenths feet along the south line of said alley produced to its point of intersection with a line ten feet distant from and parallel to the quartermaster's brick wall; thence south sixty-six

Fort Brown Reservation, Tex.
Secretary of War authorized to sell to Gateway Bridge Company portion of land of.

Description.