

for the security of navigation of said river 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 proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and said bridge shall be changed at the cost of the owners thereof, from time to time, as the Secretary of War may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river.

Changes.

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

Amendment.

SEC. 7. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall be commenced within two years and be completed within four years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Time of construction.

Approved, February 21, 1902.

CHAP. 27.—An Act Making an appropriation for clearing the Potomac River of ice.

February 21, 1902.

[Public, No. 18.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to meet expenses that may be necessary for the purpose of clearing the Potomac River of ice, within the District of Columbia, there is hereby appropriated, payable from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and from the revenues of the District of Columbia in equal parts, and to be immediately available, the sum of five thousand dollars.

District of Columbia. Appropriation to clear Potomac River of ice.

Approved, February 21, 1902.

CHAP. 28.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River near Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

February 24, 1902.

[Public, No. 19.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Ozark and Cherokee Central Railway Company, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain a bridge across the Arkansas River, in the northwest quarter of section twenty-one, township fifteen north, range nineteen east, Indian meridian. Said bridge shall be constructed in accordance with such plans as may be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That before the construction of any bridge herein authorized is commenced the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge and map of the location, giving sufficient information to enable the Secretary of War to fully and satisfactorily understand the subject; and unless the plan and location of such bridge

Arkansas River. Ozark and Cherokee Central Railway Company may bridge, near Fort Gibson, Ind. T.

Provisos. Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.