owned or controlled, or in any manner to interfere with any right or privilege heretofore granted to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company by their charters, or amendments thereto, without the consent of said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and its lessees is first had and obtained: And provided further, that said Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company shall establish a depot at some point in Georgetown on Water street, between Rock Creek and the Aqueduct Bridge; And provided further that said Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company shall construct its railroad in the county of Washington herein authorized so that wherever it shall cross any public road it shall cross the same by an overgrade or undergrade crossing, by bridge or tunnel, so as not to impede public travel upon said roads, and shall construct that part of said railroad along Rock Creek in the valley of said creek, passing west of the P-street bridge, by a tunnel through the hill west of said P-street bridge; and said road-crossings and said tunnel shall be located, and constructed in accordance with plans and specifications to be first approved in writing by the engineer in charge of public buildings and grounds.

SEC. 2. That the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall have the right to use the tracks of said Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company to be laid under the provisions of this act from the intersection of the same with the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to the city of Georgetown upon such reasonable terms as may be agreed upon or Congress prescribe.

SEC. 3. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed at any time, and all rights and privileges herein conveyed to said Company shall cease and determine unless the said Company complete its road hereby authorized to Georgetown with at least one track within three years from the passage of this act.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 475.—An act to declare the bridge across the Niagara River, authorized by the act of Congress, approved, June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, a post-route—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the modification in the plans of the bridge authorized by the act approved on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, as stated in the report of the board of engineers of the War Department, dated February seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-one are hereby approved; and said bridge as constructed is hereby declared to be a lawful structure, and an established post-route for the mail of the United States.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 476.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend work upon the public buildings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to defer operations on any public buildings that are authorized by existing laws but not actually commenced, or to proceed with the same, as may, in his opinion, be for the best interests of the public service: Provided, That all moneys heretofore appropriated for the construction of public buildings and now remaining to the credit of the same on the books of the Treasury Department, or which may hereafter be appropriated for such buildings, shall remain available until the completion of the work for which they are, or may be, appropriated; and upon the final completion of each or any of said buildings, and the payment of all outstanding liabilities therefor, the balance or balances remaining shall be immediately covered into the Treasury.