

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.

Not to interfere with property or rights of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Depot to be established in Georgetown.

Railroad in county of Washington to cross public roads by overgrade or undergrade, &c.

Tunnel west of P-street bridge.

Plans and specifications to be approved.

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.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to have use of tracks between certain points.

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 This act may be altered, amended, or repealed at any time, and all rights and privileges herein conveyed to said Company shall cease and determine unless the said Company complete its road hereby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.

Act may be altered, amended, or repealed.

Rights to cease unless road built within three years.

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—

June 23, 1874.  
1870, ch. 176, vol. xvi, p. 173.

*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.

Bridge across Niagara River.

Certain modifications in plans approved.

Bridge declared a post-route.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

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

June 23, 1874.

*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

Secretary of the Treasury may suspend work on public buildings not actually commenced.

Unexpended balances available until completion of work.

When to be covered into Treasury.

Selection of sites for public buildings.

Secretary of Treasury may set aside selection, when.

No expenditure on buildings until commissioner who selected site files affidavit that he is not interested.

Failure to file affidavit renders selection void.

SEC. 2. That in the selection of a site for any public building not yet commenced, reference shall be had to the interest and convenience of the public, as well as to the best interests of the Government; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power, and it shall be his duty, to set aside any selection which in his opinion has not been made solely with reference thereto. No expenditure shall be made upon any building, a site for which has been selected, and work upon which has not been commenced, until such of the persons who acted as commissioners in selecting such site shall make and file with the Secretary of the Treasury an oath or affirmation that he is not at the time of making the affidavit, and was not at the date of making the selection of such site, directly or indirectly interested in the property selected for the same, and a similar affidavit shall be made and filed by each and every person hereafter appointed as such commissioner, before any site shall be finally adopted. In either case a failure on the part of any commissioner to make and file such an affidavit shall render the selection void.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 477.—An act to change the name of the schooner "Delmar."

Name of schooner "Delmar" changed to "Addie Henry."

*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 is hereby, authorized and directed to change the name of the schooner "Delmar" to "Addie Henry," and grant a new register to the same.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

June 23, 1874.

CHAP. 478.—An act to confirm the purchase of a portion of the site of Fort Houston at Nashville, Tennessee, and to provide for the donation of the same to the Fisk University for educational purposes; also to confirm in the purchase of certain land at Fort Hamilton, New York.

Purchase of certain land at Nashville, Tennessee, confirmed.

Title to be conveyed to Fisk University.

Provisos.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the purchase by the United States, on the twenty-first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, from Russell Houston, of certain land consisting of about three and one fourth acres, situate in the city of Nashville Tennessee, with the buildings thereon standing, and being the same premises described in a deed of said date from said Houston to the Chief Engineer of the Army, in trust for the United States, recorded in book thirty-five, page two hundred and forty-one, in the register's office of Davidson County, Tennessee, be, and the same hereby is, ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed, so that the said purchase, and the said deed thereupon executed, shall have the same legal validity and effect as if the same had been by a previous act of Congress specifically authorized.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of War be and he hereby is, authorized and directed to grant and convey to the Fisk University of Nashville Tennessee, all the right, title, interest and estate of the United States in and to said tract of land for educational purposes: *Provided,* That no further expense relative thereto shall be incurred by the United States: *And provided further,* That the trustees of the said Fisk University be, and they are hereby, authorized to sell and dispose of the above-described property at their discretion, and to use the proceeds elsewhere for educational purposes in connection with the said Fisk University.

Purchase of certain land at Fort Hamilton, New York, confirmed.

1862, ch. 23, vol. xii, p. 343.

SECTION 3. That the purchase, by order of the executive department, under an authority supposed to be conferred by the act of February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, making appropriations for the construction, and so forth, of certain fortifications, and so forth, of