

Use by other companies.

SEC. 4. That all railroad Companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have, and be entitled to, equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same, and over the approaches to the same, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge, and the several railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and condition which each shall perform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Terms.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 5. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to the regulations for the security of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the owner or owners thereof 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-line at high or low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, actually 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 the full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until such plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, the bridge shall not be commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within eighteen months and completed within four years from the date thereof.

Approved, July 24, 1888.

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**CHAP. 701.**—An act to authorize the building of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Wabasha, Minnesota.

Wabasha, Minn., may bridge Mississippi River.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the city of Wabasha, in the State of Minnesota, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge for the passage of vehicles of all kinds, animals, and foot-passengers, across that part of the Mississippi River east of the main channel of said river, at a point opposite or nearly opposite the said city of Wabasha, and to charge for such use such reasonable rates of toll as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Tolls.

Lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 2. That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same for the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States and all companies and individuals shall have the right of way for telegraph, postal-telegraph, and telephone purposes across said bridge.

Postal telegraph.

Secretary of War to approve, plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations 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 construction of said bridge shall not be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court of the United States within whose jurisdiction said bridge or any portion thereof may be located.

Litigation.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, July 24, 1888.

**CHAP. 702.**—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

July 24, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department, in conformity with the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postal service appropriations.

**OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**

Postmaster-General.

For mail depredations, and post-office inspectors, and fees to United States marshals, attorneys, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, two hundred thousand dollars.

Mail depredations, inspectors, etc.

For advertising, sixteen thousand dollars.

Advertising.  
Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.

**OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

For compensation to postmasters, twelve million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Postmasters.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, five million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Clerks in post-offices.

For compensation to clerks in post offices for unusual business, as contemplated by Revised Statutes, section thirty-eight hundred and sixty-three, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Additional.  
R. S. sec. 3863, p. 754.

For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For rent, light, and fuel to post-offices of the third class, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be

*Proviso.*