

approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in case they shall not agree.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of the said bridge, is hereby expressly reserved, without any liability of the government for damages on account of the alteration or amendment of this act, or on account of the prevention or requiring the removal of any such obstructions; and if any change be made in the plan of construction of any bridge constructed under this act, during the progress of the work thereon or before the completion of said bridge, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any change in the construction, or any alteration of said bridge that may be directed at any time by Congress, shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof.

This act may be altered, &c.

Changes in plan to be approved by the Secretary of War. Changes in bridge ordered by Congress to be made at the expense of the owners.

APPROVED, February 27, 1873.

CHAP. CCVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Expenses of the Investigation of the recent senatorial Election in Kansas.*

Feb. 27, 1873.

See pp. 423, 484.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the select committee appointed by the Senate on the tenth of February to inquire into certain charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the recent senatorial election in Kansas.

Appropriation for expenses of investigation of the recent senatorial election in Kansas.

APPROVED, February 27, 1873.

CHAP. CCX. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Military Academy for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.*

Feb. 28, 1873.

*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 the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, namely:

Military Academy appropriation.

For additional pay of officers, and for pay of instructors, professors, cadets, and musicians, two hundred and twenty thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty cents: *Provided,* That the professors of the United States Military Academy whose service at the academy exceeds ten years shall have the pay and allowances of colonel, and all other professors shall have the pay and allowances of lieutenant-colonel; and the instructors of ordnance and science of gunnery and of practical engineering shall have the pay and allowances of major; and hereafter there shall be allowed and paid to the said professors ten per centum of their current yearly pay for each and every term of five years' service in the army and at the academy: *Provided,* That such addition shall in no case exceed forty per centum of said yearly pay; and said professors are hereby placed upon the same footing, as regards restrictions upon pay and retirement from active service, as officers of the army.

Officers, instructors, cadets, &c.

Pay of professors established; of instructors of ordnance and practical engineering.

Increase of pay for every five years' service.

Addition not to exceed, &c.

Restrictions as to pay and retirement.

For repairs and improvements, timber, plank, boards, joists, wall-strips, laths, shingles, slate, tin, sheet-lead, nails, screws, locks, butts, hinges, glass, paint, turpentine, oils, bricks, varnish, stone, lime, cement, plaster, hair, blasting-powder, fuel, iron, steel, tools, mantels, and other similar materials, fourteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Repairs, fuel, &c.

For pay of citizen-mechanics and labor employed upon repairs that cannot be done by enlisted men, eight thousand dollars.

Citizen-mechanics

For fuel and apparatus, namely: coal, wood, stoves, grates, furnaces,