

they shall use the same for other than canal purposes, then all rights of said canal company, its lessees or assigns in said bridge and property, shall cease and determine, and the said aqueduct shall be detached and removed by the Secretary of War.

Repairs.

SEC. 3. And the Secretary of War is further authorized, in his discretion, in the event of said purchase, to repair the wooden bridge now on said piers, and for that purpose is authorized to expend, of the moneys hereinbefore appropriated, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 70.**—An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to recommend a proper site for a Union Railroad Depot in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Union Railroad Depot, City of Washington. Commissioners of the District of Columbia to select and recommend site for, and report to Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to recommend a suitable site for a Union Railroad Depot for all the railroad companies whose tracks enter or terminate in said city, having due regard, as well to the interests of the residents and property owners of the District of Columbia as to the chartered rights and pecuniary investments of the railroad companies to be affected by the action of Congress in the premises; but if, in the judgment of the said Commissioners, it is better, for the interest of all parties concerned, that two depots should be established, the one on the northern and the other on the southern side of the city of Washington, then to make selection of the two sites for the respective depots, and to report their action in the premises, with proper plats, to Congress, during the present session; but if that is not practicable, then to report on the first Monday of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, with a bill containing such further provisions as they may deem best calculated to secure the use by said railroad companies of said union depot if so selected; or in case of the selection of the two depots aforesaid, to secure the use of the northern depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the city of Washington nearest to said northern depot, and the use of the southern depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the said city nearest to said southern depot, and to compel the vacation of all other depots and the removal of all tracks not necessary for use in reaching the depot or depots intended to be established under the provisions of this act: *Provided,* That such union depot or the two depots herein referred to, whichever may be selected, shall be provided by said railroad companies free from expense to the United States or the District of Columbia.

Proviso.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 71.**—An act to provide for the removal of the terms of the United States circuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the district of New Hampshire, to the city of Concord.

Terms of U. S. circuit and district courts at Exeter removed to Concord, N. H.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the terms of the United States circuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the district of New Hampshire, be, and the same hereafter shall be held at Concord in said district.

Approved, February 23, 1881.