

submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridges, 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 rivers, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents 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 bridges are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridges during the progress of construction, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.
Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

SEC. 6. It is hereby provided that the bridges authorized to be constructed by this act shall be commenced within twelve month's and completed within three years from the passage of this act.

Approved, July 29, 1886.

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CHAP. 808.—An act to increase the appropriation for the erection of the public building at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Reading, Pa.
Public building.
Limit of cost increased.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount heretofore fixed as the limit of cost for the erection of a public building by the United States Government at Reading, Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby, increased to one hundred and eighty thousand dollars, and that sum is hereby fixed as the limit of cost for the erection of said building.

SEC. 2. That the officers of the United States Government having charge of the erection of public buildings are authorized and required to be governed by the limitation hereby prescribed in making contracts for the erection of said building.

Approved, July 29, 1886.

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CHAP. 809.—An act granting to the county of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, the right to construct a bridge across Young's Bay, a navigable stream in said county and State.

Clatsop County, Oregon, authorized to bridge Young's Bay, under approval of Secretary of War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct a bridge across Young's Bay, a navigable stream in said county and State, at such point as said county may select and may be approved by the Secretary of War, with such channel-spans, draws, safe-guards and auxiliary works as shall cause the bridge not unduly to obstruct or injure the navigation of the waters crossed by it; and that said channel-spans and structures shall be as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and also to construct, establish, and maintain a bridge across Skipanon Creek, in the county of Clatsop, in the State of Oregon, by permanent embankment or otherwise, as the Secretary of War may approve: *Provided also,* The said draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of ships and boats, and in no case shall unnecessary delay occur; and said county shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridges as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Skipanon Creek.
Proviso.
Opening draws.
Lights, etc.

To be a lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 2. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized as a post-route; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-routes in the United

States, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through passenger or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile for their transportation over any railroad or other routes leading to said bridge, or over said stream in the vicinity; and the United States shall have the right of way for a telegraph across said bridges; the said bridges to be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation on said bay and creek as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said county, by its proper court and duly authorized officers or agents, shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge across Young's Bay, and a map of Young's Bay from the mouths of its navigable tributaries to the adjacent ship-channel, which map shall be on a scale of at least one to twenty thousand, and whose topography of the shores and hydrography shall reasonably represent the banks, the bottom, and steamboat channels by contours of six feet, and which shall be accompanied by other maps, drawn to a scale of one inch to two hundred feet, giving, within areas of one-fourth of a mile from each draw-span, an accurate representation of the bottom of the bay by contour-lines two feet apart, determined by accurate soundings, and also showing the force and direction of the currents at each two feet of tidal stage, by triangulated observations on suitable floats; also showing the Skipanon Creek to the head of usual navigation. The maps shall also show the locations of other bridges in the vicinity, and shall give such other information as the Secretary of War may require for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject.

Telegraph.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That Congress shall have power, at any time, to alter or amend this act so as to prevent or remove all material and substantial obstructions to the navigation of said bay and said creek by the construction of said bridges and accessory works; and the expense of altering said bridges or removing such obstructions shall be borne by the owner of said bridges.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.

Changes.

Approved, July 29, 1886.

CHAP. 810.—An act for the enlistment and pay and to define the duties and liabilities of "general-service clerks" and "general-service messengers" in the Army.

July 29, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be enlisted and mustered into the service of the United States, for clerical service and messenger duty at the headquarters of the Army and at the several division, department, and district headquarters, at headquarters general service, at recruiting depots, and at West Point, New York, in the Army, a corps of men not to exceed one hundred and seventy, who shall be subject to the Articles of War and Army Regulations the same as enlisted men on duty in the line, but shall not be subject to be assigned to any other than clerical and messenger duty, as hereinbefore specified; nor shall this number be computed as a part of the number at which the Army is now limited by law.

General-service clerks and messengers.

Secretary of War authorized to enlist.

Limit.

Not included in Army limit.

Classification. Clerks.

SEC. 2. That of the men so enlisted one hundred and twenty-five shall be "general-service clerks," who shall be classified and paid as follows: Class one shall consist of ninety clerks, at one thousand dollars per annum; class two shall consist of twenty-five clerks, at one thousand one hundred dollars per annum; class three shall consist of ten clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars per annum; and the remaining forty-five of such men shall be "general-service messengers," who shall be paid at the rate of sixty dollars per month; and all of such men shall be mustered for pay monthly the same as enlisted men, and shall receive no other compensation, pay, or allowance, except when on duty, when necessity requires, they shall each be allowed for subsistence one ration in kind to be issued by the Commissary Department.

Messengers.

Not to receive allowances.