

Feb. 28, 1887.

CHAP. 282.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to credit the Territory of Dakota with certain sums for ordnance and ordnance stores issued to said Territory, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

Whereas, it appears from the records of the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department that the Territory of Dakota stands charged with the sum of twenty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars for ordnance and ordnance stores issued to said Territory during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved April seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to provide arms and ammunition for the defense of the inhabitants of Dakota Territory", all of said ordnance and ordnance stores having been drawn by the Territory of Dakota and used for the purpose of aiding the General Government in the protection of the borders of said Territory against Indian invasions and depredations; and

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Whereas said ordnance was issued to the inhabitants of said Territory as in said act directed, and all of the same has been lost and rendered useless in the service: Therefore,

Dakota to be credited amount due on ordnance account.

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, directed to cause the Territory of Dakota to be credited on its ordnance account with the sum of twenty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, upon the delivery to the United States, at such place as the Secretary of War may direct, of all such arms and other ordnance stores remaining in the custody of said Territory of the issues thereof under said act.

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CHAP. 283.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee River at or near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company authorized to bridge Tennessee River at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

Tolls.

To be a lawful structure and post-route.

Postal telegraph.

Free navigation.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Tennessee River at or near Chattanooga, in the county of Hamilton, in said State. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of the corporation by which it may be built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals and for foot-passengers, for reasonable rates or tolls, to be fixed by said company; and the Secretary of War shall have the right, from time to time, to revise, prescribe, and determine such rates or tolls.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States, or for through railway passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile for their transmission over the railroads leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes. That the said bridge shall be so constructed, either by draw, span, or otherwise, that a free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all water-craft navigating said river at the point aforesaid: *Provided,* That if said bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be con-