

Provisos.
Yazoo River.

To be lawful
structures and
post-routes.

Postal telegraph.

Secretary of War
to approve plans,
etc.

Right to amend,
etc., reserved.
Not to obstruct
navigation.

said rivers with its railroad line, the said bridges to be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of said rivers: *Provided*, That such crossing of the Yazoo River shall be between the mouth of the Yallahusha, on the north, and the upper mouth of Roebuck Lake, at Glen Mary Plantation, on the south: *And provided further*, That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized 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, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads leading to the said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

SEC. 2. 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 persons 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 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 bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be 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.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the bridge authorized by this act to be constructed, the Secretary of War, shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said railway company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if, upon such reasonable notice to said railway company to make such change or improvements, the said company fails to do so, the Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same, and all the rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited; and Congress shall have power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of the river; and if said bridge shall not be finished within two years from the passage of this act, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall be null and void.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 387.—An act authorizing the President to return the Twiggs swords.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to deliver up the so called "Twiggs swords" which are now in his custody, and which were captured or seized by General B. F. Butler, in eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to such person, or to the legal representatives of such person, as was owner thereof at the time they were captured or seized. For the purpose of determining who was such owner the Secretary of the Treasury shall send the petitions of all persons who may claim said swords to the Court of Claims. Said court shall thereupon examine such claimant

"Twiggs swords."
To be delivered
up to owner.

Court of Claims
to determine own-
ership.

or claimants, and such other legal evidence as may be offered in behalf of such claimant or claimants, and determine who was such owner and who is entitled to receive said swords under the provisions of this act. Said court shall certify their judgment to the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided however*, That all claims for said swords shall be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury within three months from the passage of this act.

Proviso.
Time for filing claims.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

CHAP. 388.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight

Mar. 3, 1887.

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 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.
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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, three hundred thousand dollars.

Mail depredations, inspectors, etc.

For advertising, twenty 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.
Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, eleven million seven hundred thousand dollars.

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

Clerks in post-offices.

For rent, fuel, and light, four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

Rent, fuel, and light.

And the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to rent a suitable building for use of the branch of the Washington city post-office, known as "Station C," at a rate not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, until further action of Congress.

Rent, Washington City.

To pay rent of building for use of the Washington city post-office, at a rate not exceeding five thousand dollars per annum, five thousand dollars.

For office furniture, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Furniture.
Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous and incidental items, seventy thousand dollars.

For free-delivery service, five million five hundred and twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That no boxes for the collection of mail-matter by carriers shall be placed inside of any building except a public building, or a building which is freely open to the public during business hours, or a railroad station.

Free delivery.
Proviso.
Mail boxes.

For stationery in post-offices, fifty thousand dollar

Stationery, etc.

For wrapping-twine, eighty thousand dollars.

For wrapping-paper, thirty thousand dollars.

For letter-balances, scales, and test-weights, ten thousand dollars.

For postmarking and rating stamps, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, thirty thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.
Inland transportation.
Star routes.

For inland mail transportation, namely:

Inland transportation by star routes, five million four hundred thousand dollars.