

Punishment.

Obscene, libelous,  
etc., matter non-mail-  
able.

such issue, shall, upon conviction, be punishable by fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than one year and not more than five years. And all matter otherwise mailable by law upon the envelope or outside cover or wrapper of which, or postal card, upon which indecent, lewd, lascivious, obscene, libelous, scurrilous, or threatening delineations, epithets, terms, or language, or reflecting injuriously upon the character or conduct of another, may be written or printed, are hereby declared to be non-mailable matter, and shall not be conveyed in the mails, nor delivered from any post-office nor by any letter-carrier; and any person who shall knowingly deposit, or cause to be deposited, for mailing or delivery anything declared by this section to be non-mailable matter, and any person who shall knowingly take the same or cause the same to be taken from the mails, for the purpose of circulating or disposing of or of aiding in the circulation or disposition of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, for each and every offense, be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor not less than one year nor more than ten years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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**CHAP. 395.**—An act granting to the York Harbor and Beach Railroad Company a right of way.

York Harbor and  
Beach Railroad Com-  
pany granted right of  
way through Fort  
McClary Reservation,  
Me.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the right of way, four rods in width, across the military reservation at Fort McClary, in the town of Kittery, in the State of Maine, be, and the same hereby is, granted to the York Harbor and Beach Railroad Company, a corporation created by the laws of the said State of Maine, and said company is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate its railroad on said right of way, according to the location thereof, as recorded in the office of the commissioners of the county of York, in the State of Maine, and described in the temporary revocable license issued by the War Department to said company on the tenth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven: *Provided,* That the Government may at any time terminate the aforesaid right of way whenever it may be deemed necessary for military purposes or the sale of the property.

Proviso.

Termination.

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**CHAP. 396.**—An act to authorize the county of Laurens, in the State of Georgia, to construct a bridge across the Oconee River, at or near Dublin, in said county and State.

Laurens County, Ga.,  
may bridge Oconee  
River.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Laurens, in the State of Georgia, be authorized and permitted to build a wagon and foot bridge across the Oconee River, at such point as it may select, at or near Dublin, in the said county and said State.

Construction.

Proviso.

Toll, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That such bridge shall be made as the Secretary of War may prescribe: *Provided,* That said bridge may be used for the passage of wagons or vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals and for foot-passengers, for such reasonable toll as may be provided from time to time by the authorities of said county, or the same shall, at the option of said county, be a free bridge.

Lawful structure  
and post-route.

**SEC. 3.** 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 it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other

post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph companies; and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge. Said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of navigable rivers as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said county of Laurens shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such 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, and the shore-line at high and low water, channel of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans 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 such bridge during the progress of construction thereof, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the time this act takes effect, and be completed within four years after its commencement, then this act shall be void.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal at the expense of the owners, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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**CHAP. 397.**—An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to cancel mail contract on route number thirty thousand one hundred, and for other purposes.

June 18, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to terminate the mail contract on route number thirty thousand one hundred, with Charles P. Truslow, and to place the mails at legal rates for transportation, and cause the same to be carried on and by the New Orleans and Gulf Railroad from New Orleans to Bohemia, supplying all intermediate offices along said route, and to advertise and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for carrying the mails over the balance of said route from Bohemia to Port Eads, with weekly side supply to Pilot Town for and during the unexpired time of said Truslow's contract: *Provided,* That said Postmaster-General shall not terminate said Truslow's contract, nor place the mails on said railroad for transportation, nor contract for its carriage from Bohemia to Port Eads, with supply to Pilot Town, unless he first receives a bid for the latter service, and has let the contract for the performance thereof at a price which, when added to the cost of carrying the mail by railroad from New Orleans to Bohemia and supplying the intermediate offices, does not exceed the amount now paid to said Truslow for the same service under his contract.

Postal service. Mail contract on route 30100, Louisiana, may be canceled.

*Proviso.* New contract for part of route.

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**CHAP. 398.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Hoboken, New Jersey.

June 18, 1888.

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and

Hoboken, N. J. Public building.