

**CHAP. 421.**—An act for the erecting of a public building at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

June 19, 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 or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and for other Government uses at Bridgeport, Connecticut. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Connecticut shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Bridgeport, Conn.  
Public building.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates

Cost.

*Proviso.*

Title, etc.

Approved, June 19, 1888.

**CHAP. 422.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Hickman, Kentucky.

June 19, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Paducah and Hickman Railroad and Bridge Company, a corporation created and organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kentucky, its successors and assigns, be, and the same are hereby, authorized and empowered to erect, construct, and maintain a bridge over the Mississippi River from a point at or near the city of Hickman, in the State of Kentucky, to a point opposite thereto in the State of Missouri. 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 such reasonable rates of toll as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Paducah and Hickman Railroad and Bridge Company may bridge Mississippi River at Hickman, Ky.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridge.

**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, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to said bridge, 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 across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes.

Lawful structure and post-route.

Postal telegraph.