

been received the bridges shall not be commenced or built, and should any material changes be made in the plan of the bridge or said accessory works, during the progress of the work thereon, such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Lawful structures
and post-routes.

SEC. 4. That any bridge and accessory works when built and constructed under this act and according to the terms and limitations thereof, shall be a lawful structure; and said bridge 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 the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highway leading to said bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-routes 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 postal telegraph purposes across said bridge and its approaches; and Congress reserves the right at any time to regulate by appropriate legislation the charges for freight and passengers over said bridges.

Postal telegraph.

Commencement and
completion.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date thereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is expressly reserved.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

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CHAP. 757.—An act granting to the corporate authorities of the city of Tuscaloosa, in the State of Alabama, all the right, title, and interest of the United States to fractional sections twenty-two and fifteen, lying south of the Black Warrior River, in township twenty-one, and range ten west.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Interest, etc., of
United States in cer-
tain lands released to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all of the interest or claim of the United States in and to fractional sections twenty-two and fifteen, lying south of the Black Warrior River, in township twenty-one, of range ten west, in the State of Alabama, be, and the same is hereby, relinquished to and vested in the city of Tuscaloosa for the following purposes:

To Tuscaloosa.

First. The part and parts of said fractional sections constituting the localities known as the "river margin," the "streets of said city," the "pond," and the "common", shall vest in said city absolutely.

To occupants.

Second. The residue of said fractional sections shall be vested in the said city in trust, for the use of each of the occupants of the lots, or parts of lots thereof, who are owners in good faith, according to the title which is now vested in each; the intent of this act being not to give any right to said occupants except what arises from the relinquishment of the right or claim of the United States thereto.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

August 7, 1888.

CHAP. 772.—An act supplementary to the act of July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," and also of the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and other acts amendatory of said first-named act.

Subsidized railroad
companies to maintain
telegraph lines.
Vol. 12, p. 489.
Vol. 13, p. 356.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all railroad and telegraph companies to which the United States has granted any subsidy in lands or bonds or loan of credit for the construction of either railroad or telegraph lines, which, by the acts incorporating