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CHAP. 399.—An act for the establishment of a light house with fog-bell on Oyster-Beds Shoal, in the Hudson River, New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a light-house with fog-bell be established at or near Oyster-Beds Shoal, in the Hudson River, opposite Rockland Lake Dock, New York, at a cost not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars.

Approved, March 2, 1889.

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CHAP. 400.—An act to authorize the construction of bridges across the Kentucky River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Kentucky Midland Railway Company, a corporation organized under act of the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Kentucky River, in the State of Kentucky, and also a bridge or bridges over the tributaries or forks of said river at such point or points as said company may deem suitable for the passage of its said road over said river or its tributaries or forks.

Said bridge or bridges shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of the company by which it or they 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. But the rates of toll charged for the passage over said bridge of wagons, vehicles, animals, and foot passengers shall be submitted to the Secretary of War and approved by him before said company shall collect such 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 postroads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes.

SEC 3. 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 company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge, and a map of the location thereof; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or 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, and the expense of such change, or of any change required by the Secretary of War in such bridge after its completion shall be paid by the corporation or persons owning or operating said bridge.

SEC 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge or bridges shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relating to the passage of railway trains over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment or reasonable compensation therefor; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge or bridges and the railroad company or companies desiring to use the same shall fail to agree upon the terms with reference to the use of same, all matters of issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.