CHAP. 100.—An act authorizing the President to appoint and retire John C. Fremont as a major-general in the United States Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the laws regulating appointments in the Army of the United States be, and they are hereby, suspended for the purposes of this act; and that in view of the services to his country rendered by John C. Fremont, now of New York, as explorer, administrator, and soldier, the President is hereby authorized to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint him a major general in the Army of the United States, and thereupon to place him on the retired list of the Army with the pay and emoluments of a retired officer with the rank of a major-general, without regard and in addition to the retired list now authorized by law.

Approved, April 19, 1890.

CHAP. 101.—An act to extend to the port of San Antonio, in the customs collection district of Saluria, in the State of Texas, the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled, "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the seventh section of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled, "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended to the port of San Antonio, in the customs collection district of Siluria, in the State of Texas.

Approved, April 19, 1890.

CHAP. 148.—An act to authorize the Natchitoches Cane River Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Cane River, in Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Natchitoches Cane River Bridge Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a wagon bridge across the Cane River at such point as may be selected by the said bridge company within the limits of the town of Natchitoches, the said bridge to be so constructed as not to interfere with the navigation of said river, and to be provided with a suitable draw: Provided, 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, and the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the 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 drawings of the proposed bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half 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, and the soundings, accurately
showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other informa-
tion 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 no work upon the bridge shall be
commenced; 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 said
bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his
duty, to require the said bridge 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
reasonable notice to said bridge 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 at the expense of said com-
pany, 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.

Sec. 4. That said company shall be permitted to charge and take
such rates of toll for crossing said bridge as may be reasonable, sub-
ject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Sec. 5. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized
to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal
for the passing of boats; and said company or corporation shall
maintain, at its own expense, from sunset till sunrise, such lights
or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall pre-
scribe.

Sec. 6. That all telephone and telegraph companies shall be
granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and opera-
tion of their lines across said bridge; and if actual construction of
the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one
year from the passage of this act, and be completed within three
years from the same date, the rights and privileges hereby granted
shall cease and be determined.

Approved, April 22, 1890.