

Railway, or railway,
wagon, and foot
bridge.

Toll.

Lawful structure and
post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
companies.
Government right of
way.

Security of naviga-
tion.

Maps, etc.

Approval of location.
Change in plan.

Use by other com-
panies.

Terms.

Failure to agree.

Decision by Secre-
tary of War.

Lights, etc.

Commencement and
completion.

Amendment, etc.

Structural changes,
etc.

Said bridge shall provide for the passage of railway trains and, at the option of the said company, may be used also for the transit of animals, vehicles of all kinds, and foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

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 post roads 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 for all purposes.

SEC. 3. That any bridge authorized by this act shall be located and built subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company 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, giving the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at all stages of the water, with soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges; such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until such 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.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto upon the payment of reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

SEC. 5. That the Chesapeake and Nashville Railway Company shall maintain on said bridge, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

SEC. 7. 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 thereof, whenever Congress or the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 124.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a public building thereon, at Columbus in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Columbus, Ga.
Public building, etc.
Site.
Building.

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 acquire, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for

the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of Columbus and State of Georgia, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said examination, and of his recommendation thereon, and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites, and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however,* That the number of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

No money shall be used or applied for the purposes mentioned, until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Georgia shall have ceded 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.

The building herein provided for shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, on each side, including streets and alleys.

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CHAP. 125.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a public building thereon, at Rockford, in the State of Illinois.

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 acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of Rockford and State of Illinois, the

Cost.
 Proposals to be advertised for.
 Responses.
 Examination, etc., by Treasury agent.
 Appointment of commission.
 Examination. Hearings.
 Report.
 Determination of location.
 Compensation of commissioners.
 Proviso.
 Treasury member.
 No expenditure until valid title, etc., pass.
 Open space.
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 Site.
 Building.