the maintenance of a safe channel through the draw spaces as they are
arranged, pending the construction of the permanent bridge, shall be
at once built and maintained until they shall be no longer necessary."

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CHAP. 186.—An Act To make Knoxville, Tennessee, a port of delivery, and to
create the office of surveyor of customs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That Knoxville, in the State
of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery in the
customs collection district of New Orleans, and the privileges of the
seventh section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and
eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchan-
dise without appraisement be, and the same are hereby, extended to
said port; and there shall be appointed one surveyor of customs to
reside at said port, who shall receive a salary of three hundred and
fifty dollars per annum, with the usual fees and commissions.

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CHAP. 187.—An Act To provide for temporarily increasing the military estab-
lishment of the United States in time of war, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That all able-bodied male citi-
zens of the United States, and persons of foreign birth who shall have
declared their intention to become citizens of the United States under
and in pursuance of the laws thereof, between the ages of eighteen and
forty-five years, are hereby declared to constitute the national forces,
and, with such exceptions and under such conditions as may be pre-
scribed by law, shall be liable to perform military duty in the service
of the United States.

SEC. 2. That the organized and active land forces of the United
States shall consist of the Army of the United States and of the militia
of the several States when called into the service of the United States:
Provided, That in time of war the Army shall consist of two branches
which shall be designated, respectively, as the Regular Army and the
Volunteer Army of the United States.

SEC. 3. That the Regular Army is the permanent military establish-
ment, which is maintained both in peace and war according to law.

SEC. 4. That the Volunteer Army shall be maintained only during
the existence of war, or while war is imminent, and shall be raised and
organized, as in this Act provided, only after Congress has or shall have
authorized the President to raise such a force or to call into the actual
service of the United States the militia of the several States: Provided,
That all enlistments for the Volunteer Army shall be for a term of two
years, unless sooner terminated, and that all officers and men compos-
ing said army shall be discharged from the service of the United States
when the purposes for which they were called into service shall have
been accomplished, or on the conclusion of hostilities.

SEC. 5. That when it becomes necessary to raise a volunteer army
the President shall issue his proclamation stating the number of men
desired, within such limits as may be fixed by law, and the Secretary
of War shall prescribe such rules and regulations, not inconsistent
with the terms of this Act, as may in his judgment be necessary for
the purpose of examining, organizing, and receiving into service the
men called for: Provided, That all men received into service in the
Volunteer Army shall, as far as practicable, be taken from the several
States and Territories and the District of Columbia and the Indian