security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall pre-
scribe; and to secure that object the 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, giving, 
for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed lo-
cation, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high 
and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, 
and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the lo-
cation of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other in-
formation as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of 
the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are 
ad approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and 
should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the pro-
gress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of 
the Secretary of War; and if said bridge is not commenced within two 
years and completed within three years from the passage of this Act 
the rights and privileges hereby granted shall be null and void.”

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

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CHAP. 121.—An Act To prevent the abatement of certain actions.

Suits against Gov-
ernment officers not to 
abate on their retire-
ment, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United 
States of America in Congress assembled, That no suit, action, or other 
proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the head of any Depart-
ment or Bureau or other officer of the United States in his official 
capacity, or in relation to the discharge of his official duties, shall abate 
by reason of his death, or the expiration of his term of office, or his 
retirement, or resignation, or removal from office, but, in such event, 
the Court, on motion or supplemental petition filed, at any time within 
twelve months thereafter, showing a necessity for the survival thereof 
to obtain a settlement of the questions involved, may allow the same 
to be maintained by or against his successor in office, and the Court 
may make such order as shall be equitable for the payment of costs.

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CHAP. 122.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to permit the use 
of the buildings on the Fort Supply Military Reservation by Oklahoma Territory 
for an insane asylum.

Fort Supply Mili-
tary Reservation. 
Use of buildings on, 
for insane asylum by 
Oklahoma Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United 
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the 
Interior is authorized, under rules and regulations to be provided by 
him, to permit the use of the buildings on the Fort Supply Military 
Reservation, and so much of the land as may be necessary for such use, 
by the Territory of Oklahoma for the purpose of an insane asylum for 
said Territory. Said authority may be revoked, at the discretion of the 
Secretary of the Interior.

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CHAP. 123.—An Act For adjusting clothing account for deceased soldiers, in cer-
tain cases.

Army. 
Deductions from pay 
of volunteer dying 
six months after en-
rollment only where 
clothing actually over-
drawn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United 
States of America in Congress assembled, That in the adjustment of the 
accounts of volunteers enrolled on account of the existing war with 
Spain, who have died, or may hereafter die within six months from the 
date of their enrollment, the accounting officers of the Treasury shall 
make no stoppage on account of clothing overdrawn against the pay or