Sec. 3. That it shall and may be lawful for the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company to purchase the franchises, railroad and other property of, or to consolidate with, any other railroad company incorporated under the laws of any State or Territory of the United States whose lines may now or hereafter form a continuous line of railroad with it, either directly or by means of an intervening railroad, upon complying with the regulations and requirements of the laws of the State or Territory in which such road is located, applicable to such purchase or consolidation.

Sec. 4. That for the purpose of perfecting such purchase or consolidation it shall be lawful for said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company to increase its stock, either preferred or common or both, and to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds and other obligations of any company whose property is thus acquired, or of dividends on its preferred or guaranteed stock:

Provided also, That the power conferred by this section shall also extend to like guaranties of the bonds, obligations, and dividends on stocks of companies whose roads may now or hereafter be leased to the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.

Sec. 5. That for the purpose of providing means for the construction of its railroad and branches, the acquisition of additional property, the payment of its obligations, or for other corporate purposes, the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company is authorized to increase from time to time its issue of preferred and common stock, and to dispose of the same upon such terms as may be deemed necessary. Before any such increase shall be made the same shall have been authorized by the holders of a majority of the then outstanding stock of the company, voting in person or by proxy, at a meeting duly called by the board of directors of the company, which shall be held at the general office of the company, of which meeting notice shall have been given by advertisement once a week for sixty days prior to such meeting, in at least one newspaper published in the city or county wherein such principal office is situate.

Approved, March 28, 1900.

CHAP. 112.—An Act To establish light and fog stations to mark the main southern entrance of the new breakwater at Buffalo, New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established, to mark the main southern entrance of the new breakwater at Buffalo, New York, suitable light and fog-signal stations, at a cost not to exceed forty-five thousand dollars.

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CHAP. 116.—An Act To authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission to construct a drawless bridge across the Charles River, in the State of Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Cambridge Bridge Commission be, and hereby is, authorized to construct a drawless bridge across the Charles River, in the State of Massachusetts, between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, as provided for by chapter four hundred and sixty-seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, of the legislature of the State of Massachusetts;