eral assembly of the State of North Carolina, be, and is hereby, author-
ized to construct and maintain a railroad bridge for the passage of
railway engines and cars across the Lumber River, at such point as
may be selected by such company and approved by the Secretary of
War within the boundary lines of Robeson County, North Carolina,
said bridge to be so constructed as not to obstruct 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 the said company or corporation shall submit to the
Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and
drawing of the proposed bridge and a map of the location, giving, for
the space of one-fourth of a mile above and one-fourth of a 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 information 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 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.

Sec. 4. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to
be constructed shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for
the passing of boats, which said company or corporation shall main-
tain, at its own expense; 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 same date, the
rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

Approved, February 15, 1900.

February 19, 1900.

CHAP. 22.—An Act Relating to lights on steam pilot vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That a steam pilot vessel,
when engaged on her station on pilotage duty and in waters of the
United States, and not at anchor, shall, in addition to the lights
required for all pilot boats, carry at a distance of eight feet below her
white masthead light a red light, visible all around the horizon and of
such a character as to be visible on a dark night with a clear atmos-
phere at a distance of at least two miles, and also the colored side
lights required to be carried by vessels when under way.

When engaged on her station on pilotage duty and in waters of the
United States, and at anchor, she shall carry in addition to the lights
required for all pilot boats the red light above mentioned, but not the
colored side lights.
When not engaged on her station on pilotage duty, she shall carry the same lights as other steam vessels.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be construed as supplementary to article eight of the Act approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions upon certain harbors, rivers, and inland waters of the United States," and to article eight of an Act approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled "An Act to adopt regulations for preventing collisions at sea."

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred.

Approved, February 19, 1900.

CHAP. 23.—An Act To amend "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out and repealing the paragraphs in said Act on pages one hundred and twenty-seven and one hundred and twenty-eight of the United States Statutes at Large, volume thirty, which read as follows:

Improving Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, Texas: For improvement of the Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, by dredging or otherwise, from the jetties at Galveston, Texas, up through the present ship channel and Buffalo Bayou to the proposed harbor site at Houston, Texas, to be provided by the citizens of Houston, three hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That out of said sum a suitable dredge may be constructed for said work.

For commencing the improvement of the water route from the mouth of the jetties at Galveston, through the existing ship channel and up Buffalo Bayou to Houston, Texas, including harbor at Houston, in accordance with project submitted by the Board of Engineers in report of survey dated November third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: Provided, That contracts may be entered into by the Secretary of War for the whole or any part of such materials and work as may be required for prosecuting said improvement, or the said materials may be purchased and the work done otherwise than by contract, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, not to exceed in the aggregate two million dollars: Provided further, That out of said sum two dredges may be constructed for said work.

And amend said Act so as to read in place of said paragraphs repealed as follows:

"Improving Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, Texas: For improvement of the Galveston Ship Channel and Buffalo Bayou, by dredging or otherwise in accordance with the project submitted by a board of engineers in the report of a survey dated November third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and submitted by the Chief of Engineers in his report for eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, in volume one, pages two hundred and eighty-eight and two hundred and eighty-nine, three hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That all sums heretofore appropriated and available for work on Galveston Ship