

rivers and bodies of water, all in the State of Florida: The Manatee River from a point at or near Palmetto, in the county of Manatee, to a point at or near Braidentown, in said county, and also over and across Gasparilla Sound from a point on the mainland, in the county of De Soto, to a point near or opposite thereto at or near the head of north end of Gasparilla Island, and to lay railroad tracks on the said bridges to run trains on same.

SEC. 2. That any bridges built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be lawful structures and shall be recognized and known as post routes, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mail, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation over railroads or public highways leading to the said bridge, and they shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as other post roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across the said bridges and their approaches for postal-telegraph purposes.

Lawful structures and post routes.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridges shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridges and the several railroad companies, or any of them desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridges, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the party.

Right of railroads to use.

SEC. 4. That all bridges authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river and sound as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, maps of location and designs and drawings of each of the bridges; and until plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges or any one of them during the progress of the construction or after completion, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and all changes in said bridges, or any one of them, required by the Secretary of War, at any time or until their entire removal, shall be made promptly by the corporations or persons owning or operating said bridges at their expense. And the said persons or corporations shall maintain on said bridges, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

Lights.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

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

Commencement and completion.

Approved, February 25, 1901.

CHAP. 474.—An Act For the relief of the Medawakanton band of Sioux Indians, residing in Redwood County, Minnesota.

February 25, 1901.

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 be, and hereby is, authorized to sell, dispose of, and convey the north fractional half of the northeast quarter and the southeast

Purchase of lieu lands for Medawakanton band of Sioux Indians, Redwood county, Minn., authorized

quarter of the northeast quarter of section one, township one hundred and twelve, range thirty-five, in Redwood County, Minnesota, purchased in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine for the use of the Medawakanton band of Sioux Indians, residing in Redwood County, for cash at the best obtainable price not less than thirteen dollars per acre, and that he is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase other lands in said county for said Indians with the proceeds arising from such sale: *Provided*, That the written consent of the adult Indians residing in Redwood County, Minnesota, shall first be given.

Approved, February 25, 1901.

Proviso.
Consent of Indians.

February 25, 1901.

CHAP. 475.—An Act To authorize the Mobile and West Alabama Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Warrior River, between the counties of Walker and Jefferson, in section thirty-five, township seventeen, range seven west, Alabama.

Mobile and West Alabama Railroad may bridge Warrior River, Ala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Mobile and West Alabama Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under an act of the general assembly of the State of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railroad bridge for the passage of railway engines and cars across the Warrior River, at such point as may be selected by such company, in section thirty-five, township seventeen, range seven west, and approved by the Secretary of War, between the counties of Walker and Jefferson, Alabama, 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, upon which, also, no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mail, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation over railroads or public highways leading to the said bridge; 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: *Provided, also*, That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of any disagreement between the parties in regard to the terms of such use or the sums to be paid, all matters at issue shall be determined by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs submitted to him.

Draw, etc.

Provisos.
Lawful structure and post route.

Rights of railroads to use.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

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-half mile above and one-half 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 or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.