

June 21, 1902.

CHAP. 1138.—An Act To fix the fees of jurors in the United States courts.

[Public, No. 168.]

United States courts.
Jurors' fees in-
creased.
R. S., sec. 852, p.
161, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the passage of this Act the per diem pay of each juror, grand or petit, in any court of the United States, shall be three dollars a day instead of two dollars a day as now provided by law

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CHAP. 1139.—An Act Authorizing the Newport Bridge, Belt and Terminal Railway Company to construct a bridge across the White River in Arkansas.

[Public, No. 169.]

White River, Ark.
Newport Bridge,
Belt and Terminal
Railway Company
may bridge, at New-
port.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Newport Bridge, Belt and Terminal Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge across the White River, in the State of Arkansas, at a point near the city of Newport, in said State, suitable to the interests of navigation as may hereafter be selected by said railway company for crossing said river with its railway line. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of said railway company, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, and for the transit of animals and for foot passengers for such reasonable rates of toll as may be fixed by said railway company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Toll.

Lawful structure
and post route.

SEC. 2. That said bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or public highways leading to said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes: *Provided,* That the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed by the company owning and operating it as to afford proper ways and means for the passage through or under it of vessels, barges, or rafts at all times, both by day and by night; and there shall be displayed on said bridge from sunset to sunrise such lights and signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Proviso.
Unobstructed navi-
gation.

Lights, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 3. That if said bridge erected and maintained under the authority of this Act shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river, or shall in the opinion of the Secretary of War obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction, and such alteration shall be made and all such obstruction be removed at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, the case may be brought in the district court of the United States in the State of Arkansas for the district in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers to exempt said bridge from the operation of the same.

Litigation.

Proviso.
Protection to navi-
gation.