

February 21, 1903.

[Public, No. 109.]

CHAP. 748.—An Act Authorizing the commissioners' court of Escambia County, Alabama, to construct a bridge across Conecuh River at or near a point known as McGowans Ferry, in said county and State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioners' court of Escambia County, in the State of Alabama, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Conecuh River, said bridge to be located at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near a point known as McGowans Ferry, in said county and State.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said commissioners' court of Escambia County shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridge, and maps 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 river, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be kept and managed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, at their own expense, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

SEC. 4. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act, and according 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 transportation over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions of war over public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for telegraph, postal, telephone, and other purposes over said bridge.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

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

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Conecuh River, Ala.
Escambia County
may bridge, at Mc-
Gowans Ferry.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

Protection to navi-
gation.

Changes.

Lawful structure
and post route.

Telegraph, etc.,
rights.

Time of construc-
tion.

Amendment.

February 23, 1903.

[Public, No. 110.]

CHAP. 749.—An Act To establish United States courts at Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That two terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of North Carolina shall be held in each and every year in the town of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, beginning, respectively, on the second Monday in July and November, to continue till the business is disposed of.

United States courts.
North Carolina west-
ern judicial district.
R. S., secs. 572, 658,
pp. 100, 122.
Terms at Wilkes-
boro.

SEC. 2. That the clerk of the United States circuit and district courts at Statesville, North Carolina, shall be the clerk of the United States circuit and district courts at Wilkesboro, and he shall appoint a deputy clerk of said court, to reside at Wilkesboro, with the usual power of a deputy clerk in such cases, whose compensation shall be such proportion of the fees accruing from business done in said courts at Wilkesboro as shall be fixed by the judge of said district.

Clerk.

Deputy clerk.

Compensation.

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CHAP. 750.—An Act To establish a light-house and fog-signal station on Burrows Island, State of Washington.

February 24, 1903.

[Public, No. 111.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a light-house and fog-signal station be established at the southwest point of Burrows Island, Rosario Strait, State of Washington, under the direction of the Light-House Board, and that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated therefor, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Burrows Island,
Wash.
Appropriation for
light-house, etc.

Approved, February 24, 1903.

CHAP. 751.—An Act For the erection of a keeper's dwelling at Grosse Isle, North Channel Range, Detroit River, Michigan.

February 24, 1903.

[Public, No. 112.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the erection of a keeper's dwelling at Grosse Isle, North Channel Range, Detroit River, Michigan.

Grosse Isle, Detroit,
River, Mich.
Appropriation for
keeper's dwelling at.

Approved, February 24, 1903.

CHAP. 752.—An Act To establish a light-house depot for the Second light-house district, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts.

February 24, 1903.

[Public, No. 113.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to locate and establish a light-house depot for the Second light-house district in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, on land owned by the United States, at a cost not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars.

Second light-house
district.
Light-house depot
established at Boston
Harbor, Mass.

SEC. 2. That that part of the Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three, approved June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and two, appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the establishment of a light-house depot at Castle Island, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Appropriation for
Castle Island re-
pealed.

Ante, p. 430.

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