enue to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said structures from the operation of same.

Sec. 4. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved, and the same shall become null and void unless the construction of the dam hereby authorized is commenced within one year after the passage of this Act and completed within three years thereafter.

Approved, June 16, 1906.

CHAP. 3340.—An Act to grant to Charles H. Cornell, his assigns and successors, the right to abut a dam across the Niobrara River on the Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, Nebraska, and to construct and operate a trolley or electric railway line and telegraph and telephone lines across said reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles H. Cornell, his assigns, assignees, successors, and grantees, be, and are hereby, privileged, authorized, and granted the authority and right to construct, maintain, and use for power purposes a dam across the Niobrara River on parts of sections twenty-two and twenty-seven, township thirty-four north, range twenty-seven west of the sixth principal meridian, in the State of Nebraska, and to abut said dam on the east bank of said Niobrara River upon land which is a part of the Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, the property of the United States; and said dam may be of sufficient height and strength to support a body of water affording or furnishing as much as fifty feet effective head for power purposes, with the privilege of backing water upon or overflowing such part of the Fort Niobrara Military Reservation as may reasonably result from the proper construction, maintenance, and use of said dam, and that any damages caused thereby may be assessed by the Secretary of War and paid to the United States before any construction hereby provided for shall be commenced, with the privilege also of constructing and suspending wires upon, over, and across said dam and reservation for the purpose of transmitting electric light and power generated by said water power, also with like privileges of constructing and suspending telephone wires: Provided, That the grants and privileges above specified as to such dam, water power, and wires aforesaid shall become void unless the construction of said dam be commenced within two years from the approval of this Act and completed and put into operation within five years from the approval of this Act; and the said Charles H. Cornell, his assigns, assignees, successors, and grantees, are further privileged, authorized, and granted the authority and right to construct and operate a trolley or electric railway, with necessary side tracks and station buildings, also telegraph and telephone lines upon, over, and across the land of said Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, said trolley or electric railway and telegraph and telephone lines to start from the town of Valentine and run by a feasible route as nearly as may be in a direct course to the Fort Niobrara military post, upon said military reservation, thence north or northeast upon a feasible route in the direction of the Rosebud Indian Reservation, in the State of South Dakota, with authority to operate and use such trolley or electric railway and telegraph and telephone lines: Provided, That a map of said proposed dam, storage reservoir, railway line, telegraph line, or telephone line shall be filed with the honorable Secretary of War, and the location thereof shall by him be approved before any of these privileges herein aforesaid shall become effective: Provided further, That the privileges herein granted may at any time be rescinded or suspended by order of the Secretary
of War; and said corporation shall, at any time when so ordered by the Secretary of War, remove its rails and all fixtures and appurtenances, at its own expense and cost and without any claim of any kind from the United States: And provided further, That the grants and privileges mentioned in this Act as to said railway, telegraph, and telephone right of way shall become void unless the road or railway shall be commenced within two years from the date of the approval of this Act and said road and telegraph or telephone line be completed from the town of Valentine to the Fort Niobrara military post, on said Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, and put into operation within five years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Approved, June 18, 1906.

CHAP. 3341.—An Act To change and fix the time for holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the middle district of Tennessee, in the southern division of the eastern district of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the middle district of Tennessee, held at Nashville, shall commence on the first Monday in May and October of each year instead of the third Monday in April and October, as now provided by law; and the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Chattanooga, shall commence on the first Monday in April and December of each year; and the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northeastern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Greeneville, shall commence on the first Monday in June and November of each year; and each of said terms at each of said places shall continue so long as the presiding judge may deem necessary.

Sec. 2. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail bond, or other process in either of said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the terms of said courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, pending, and triable at the terms herein provided for.

Sec. 3. That the clerks of said circuit and district courts for the eastern district of Tennessee may reside and keep their offices, respectively, in either the city of Knoxville, Chattanooga, or Greeneville; but said clerks shall each, respectively, appoint a deputy to reside and keep their offices in each of the above-named cities other than the one in which said clerks shall respectively reside and keep their offices; that the said deputy clerks shall, in the absence of their principals, do and perform all the duties appertaining to their offices, respectively.

Sec. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after August first, nineteen hundred and six, the public welfare requiring it; and that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and are hereby, repealed.

Approved, June 18, 1906.