reason to obtain the same by purchase and acquire a valid title thereto, the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, cause proceedings to be instituted to acquire such land or easement for the United States by condemnation of said land or easement, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the United States to institute and conduct such proceedings upon the request of the Secretary of the Treasury: Provided further, That all expenses of said proceedings and any award that may be made thereunder shall be paid by the said person, company, or corporation, to secure which payment the Secretary of the Treasury may require the said person, company, or corporation to execute a proper bond in such amount as he may deem necessary before said proceedings are commenced."

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CHAP. 269.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Norman and the town and village of Halstad, in said county, in the State of Minnesota, and the county of Traill and the town of Herberg, in said county, in the State of North Dakota, to construct a bridge across the Red River of the North on the boundary line between said States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the county of Norman and the town of Halstad, in said county, in the State of Minnesota, and the county of Traill and the town of Herberg, in said county, in the State of North Dakota, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Red River of the North, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the section line between sections twenty-four and twenty-five, township one hundred and forty-five north, range forty-nine west, fifth principal meridian, on the boundary line between Minnesota and North Dakota, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 1, 1922.

CHAP. 270.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Development Company to construct a bridge across the Red River at or near Grand Ecore, Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Louisiana Development Company and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Red River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Grand Ecore, in the parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 1, 1922.