

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the first day of December, 1890, and was adjourned without day on Tuesday, the third day of March, 1891.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President; **LEVI P. MORTON**, Vice-President, and President of the Senate; **THOMAS B. REED**, Speaker of the House of Representatives; **LEWIS E. PAYSON** was elected Speaker *pro tempore*, February 18, 1891; Mr. **REED** resumed the duties of Speaker, February 19, 1891.

CHAP. 1.—An act making an appropriation to construct a road and approaches from the city of Alexandria, Virginia, to the National Military Cemetery near that city.

December 11, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of seven thousand 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 purpose of constructing a gravel or macadam road and approaches from the national military cemetery near the city of Alexandria, Virginia, via Wilkes street to the intersection of said street with Alfred street in said city: *Provided*, That a right of way be granted to the United States by the city of Alexandria of at least fifty feet in width, or the full legal width of Wilkes street, to Payne street, and thence thirty feet in width from that point to the national cemetery, passing between the two private cemeteries.

Alexandria, Va.
Road from, to national military cemetery.
Appropriation.

Proviso.
Right of way.

Approved, December 11, 1890.

CHAP. 2.—An act to detach the county of Grayson, in the State of Texas, from the northern and attach it to the eastern judicial district of said State.

December 11, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Grayson, in the State of Texas, be detached from the northern and attached to the eastern judicial district of the State of Texas.

SEC. 2. That all civil and criminal causes or proceedings pending in the northern district of Texas which originated in said county of Grayson shall remain within the jurisdiction of the United States

Texas, judicial districts.
Grayson County transferred from northern to eastern district.
Jurisdiction of pending causes, etc.

court for said northern judicial district for final disposition, and all offenses committed in said county against the laws of the United States before the passage of this act shall also be cognizable in the United States court for the said northern district until final disposition of the same.

Approved, December 11, 1890.

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CHAP. 3.—An act to authorize the Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to construct and maintain bridges across English Bayou and Calcasieu River.

Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company may bridge English Bayou and Calcasieu River at certain points in Louisiana.

Location.

Wagon, etc., and footbridges.

Tolls.

Construction.

Draws.

Width.

Proviso.

Opening of draws.

Lights, etc.

Sheer booms, etc.

Security of navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes in plans.

Amendment, etc.

Structural changes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, or its assigns, to erect, construct, and maintain a bridge over the English Bayou and a bridge over Calcasieu River, in the State of Louisiana, at such points upon said bayou and river in township nine south and range eight west as may be found advantageous. Said bridges shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, foot-passengers, and of all kinds of commerce, travel, or communication, and said corporation may charge and receive such reasonable tolls therefor as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 2. That each of said bridges shall be constructed as draw-bridges, with an opening over the center of the channel of such width as the Secretary of War shall determine, and which shall not be less than thirty feet in the clear across English Bayou and not less than fifty feet in the clear across Calcasieu River: *Provided, also,* That said draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water-craft, and in no case shall unnecessary delay occur; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridges as the Light-House Board shall prescribe, and such sheer booms or other structures as may be necessary to safely guide vessels, boats, rafts, or other water-craft safely through said draw-openings as shall be designated and required by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That said bridges shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said bayou and river 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, a design and drawings of the bridges and a map of the location, giving for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location the topography of the banks of the bayou and river, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the streams, 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 the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be built, and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of construction such change shall be submitted to the approval of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act, or to require any changes in such structures, or their entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, and the right to