

mouth to its head waters," approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, be amended by adding thereto the following section:

"SEC. 8. That the headquarters and general offices of said commission shall be located at some city or town on the Mississippi River, to be designated by the Secretary of War, and the meetings of the commission except such as are held on Government boats during the time of the semiannual inspection trips of the commission shall be held at said headquarters and general offices, the times of said meetings to be fixed by the president of the commission, who shall cause due notice of such meetings to be given members of the commission and the public."

Approved, February 18, 1901.

Offices of commission.
—meetings

CHAP. 378.—An Act To authorize the Glassport Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Monongahela River, in the State of Pennsylvania.

February 18, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Glassport Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Monongahela River between a point on the eastern side of said river at or near Ninth street, in the borough of Port Vue, in the county of Allegheny, and a point on the western side of said river in the township of Jefferson, in said county, at or near the public road known as the River road, between Dravosburg and West Elizabeth. The said bridge, when built in accordance with the requirements of this Act, shall be a legal structure, and may be used for either or both railroad purposes or as a highway for the passage of persons, vehicles, and passenger cars.

Glassport Bridge Company may bridge Monongahela River.

—location.

Lawful structure, etc.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such requirements for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the railroad company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing for the bridge, and a map of the location, giving for the space of one mile the depth and current of the river at all points, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, together with all other information touching said bridge and river as may be requisite for the Secretary of War to determine whether said bridge, when built, will conform to the provisions of this Act and cause no serious obstruction to the navigation of the river or injuriously affect the flow of water.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, upon receiving said plan and map, and upon being satisfied that a bridge built upon said plan and at said location will conform to the provisions of this Act and cause no serious obstruction to the navigation of the river or injuriously affect the flow of water, to notify the said company that he approves the same, and upon receiving said notification the said company may proceed to the erection of the said bridge, conforming strictly to the approved plan and location; and until the Secretary of War shall approve the plan and location of the said bridge and notify the said company, in writing, a bridge shall not be built or commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of the bridge during the progress of the work thereon, or after completion, such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War. And any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Notification of approval, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 4. That said bridge, at the option of the said Glassport Bridge Company, may be so constructed that the same can be used for the

Uses of bridge.

- passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, and passenger cars, and for the transit of animals and foot passengers over the same, and also, in addition to these purposes, may be used for railroad purposes; and the company maintaining the same shall have the right to charge such reasonable rates for toll as bridge companies are authorized to collect under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania: *Provided*, That if said bridge shall be constructed for railroad purposes, all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railroad trains or cars over the same upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.
- Toll. **SEC. 5.** That any bridge constructed under this Act shall be known as a post road, over which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation of mails, troops, and munitions of war, or other property of the United States, than the rate per mile charged for their transportation over the public highways leading to said bridge. The United States shall also have the right of way over said bridge for postal-telegraph purposes.
- Proviso.*
Rights of railroads
to use. **SEC. 6.** That the said bridge shall be so kept and managed at all times as not to interfere with the passage of vessels, barges, or rafts, both by day and by night, and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.
- Post route. **SEC. 7.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced in one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.
- Postal telegraph. **SEC. 8.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.
- Lights, etc. **SEC. 8.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.
- Commencement and
completion. **SEC. 8.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.
- Amendment. **SEC. 8.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 379.—An Act To put in force in the Indian Territory certain provisions of the laws of Arkansas relating to corporations, and to make said provisions applicable to said Territory.

Indian Territory.
Certain provisions
of Arkansas laws as
to corporations made
applicable in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and four and the succeeding sections down to and including section five hundred and nine, section nine hundred and sixty, and the succeeding sections down to and including section one thousand and thirty-five, of the laws of Arkansas, as published in eighteen hundred and eighty-four in the volume known as Mansfield's Digest of the Statutes of Arkansas be, and the same are hereby, extended over and put in force in the Indian Territory, so far as they may be applicable and not in conflict with any law of Congress applicable to said Territory heretofore passed.

Substitution of
terms.

SEC. 2. That wherever in said sections the word "county" occurs there shall be substituted therefor the words "judicial district," and where the words "county court" occur the words "United States courts" shall be substituted therefor; wherever the words "State" or "State of Arkansas" occur there shall be substituted therefor the words "Indian Territory;" wherever the words "secretary of state" occur there shall be substituted therefor the words "clerk of the United States court of appeals for the Indian Territory," and said clerk shall be entitled to the same fees and compensation for his services rendered under this Act that the secretary of state in Arkansas is