built with a continuous span, the piers shall be at least two hundred feet apart, and the bridge shall be built at such height as not to interfere with the navigation of said river by steamboats: *And provided further*, That all railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the district court of the United States for the southern district of Illinois, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree.

Height.

All railway companies to have equal rights to use the bridge, &c.

Terms and conditions of use.

Navigation of river to be kept secure.

SEC. 2. That the structure herein authorized shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and the said structure shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and the said structure shall be changed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time as Congress [may] direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river. And the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation by law whenever the public good shall in the judgment of Congress so require.

Structure may be changed.

Authority to build may be revoked.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

[No. 49.] *Joint Resolution to enable Owners to obtain Duplicates of lost and destroyed registered Bonds of the United States.*

Secretary of the Treasury may issue duplicates of lost or destroyed registered bonds, upon proof, &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, whenever it is proved by clear and satisfactory evidence that any duly registered bond of the United States, bearing interest, issued for valuable consideration in pursuance of law, has been lost or destroyed, so that the same is not held by any person as his own property, to issue a duplicate of said registered bond, to be so marked, of like amount, and bearing like interest as the bond so proved to be lost or destroyed: *Provided*, That the owner of such lost bond shall file in the treasury a bond in a penal sum equal to the amount of said missing bond, and the interest which would accrue thereon before the principal thereof is due and payable, with two good and sufficient sureties, residents of the United States, to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, with condition to indemnify and save harmless the United States from any claim because of the said lost or destroyed bond.

Owner to file bond of indemnity to the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

Ante, p. 368.

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[No. 50.] *A Resolution to amend a "Joint Resolution relating to Steamboats and other Vessels owned in the loyal States," approved December twenty-three, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.*

Amendment of former resolution as to claims for steamboats, &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That "Joint resolution relating to steamboats and other vessels owned in the loyal States," approved December twenty-three, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "or in conformity with the laws of the United States."

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

[No. 51.] *A Resolution authorizing the President to nominate, and, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to appoint Lyman G. Spaulding a Master in the Navy of the United States.*

Lyman G. Spaulding may be appointed a

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate, and, by and

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