Right to build, &c., subject to revocation.

gress 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 or modification by law whenever the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

Act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of bridges, without expense to the United States, is hereby expressly reserved.

APPROVED, May 25, 1872.

May 27, 1872.

CHAP. CCXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Abatement or Repayment of Taxes on distilled Spirits in Bond, destroyed by Casualty.*

Taxes on distilled spirits in bond, destroyed by casualty, may be abated, or repaid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, upon the production of satisfactory proof to him of the actual destruction by accidental fire or other casualty, and without any fraud, collusion, or negligence of the owner thereof, of any distilled spirits on which the tax at the time of the destruction of said spirits had not been paid and while the same remained in the custody of any officer of internal revenue in any distillery warehouse or bonded warehouse of the United States, to abate the amount of internal revenue taxes accruing thereon, and to cancel any warehouse bond, or enter satisfaction thereon, in whole or in part, as the case may be; and if such taxes have been collected since the destruction of said spirits, then the Secretary of the Treasury shall refund the same to the owners thereof out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

When act takes effect.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect in all cases of loss or destruction of distilled spirits as aforesaid which have occurred since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight: *Provided, however*, That when the owners of such distilled spirits, so destroyed as aforesaid, may be indemnified against said tax by a valid claim of insurance, said tax shall not be remitted to the extent of such insurance.

Proviso when the spirits were insured, &c.

APPROVED, May 27, 1872.

May 27, 1872.

CHAP. CCXIX. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to accept the Peninsula in Lake Erie, opposite the Harbor of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania.*

Secretary of War may accept the title to the peninsula in Lake Erie, opposite the harbor of Erie, Pa., if, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to receive and accept from the Marine Hospital of Pennsylvania, a corporation duly incorporated by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the title to a piece or parcel of land, being the peninsula lying to the northward of and inclosing the bay of Presque Isle, and containing two thousand and twenty-four acres, more or less, to be held by the government of the United States for the protection of the harbor of Erie: *Provided*, That the deed conveying the same shall not be received or accepted until the title to the same is complete and indefeasible, nor unless the acceptance thereof shall be recommended by a board of officers of the corps of engineers appointed by the President.

APPROVED, May 27, 1872.

May 27, 1872.

CHAP. CCXX. — *An Act in Relation to the Dakota Southern Railroad Company.*

A certain act of the legislative assembly of Dakota Territory

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act passed by the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, and approved by the governor on the twenty-first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-

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