appointee assumed the duties of the office, to fill the vacancy now existing.

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CHAP. CCLXXXVII. — *An Act relating to Inventories and Accounts of the Property of the United States States in Public Buildings and Grounds.*

Annual statement to be made of public property in public buildings and grounds. 1870, ch. 300. Vol. xvi. p. 364.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to carry out more effectually the second section of an act entitled "An act to provide inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the public buildings and grounds belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, that it shall be the duty of the officer or officers, having in charge the property of the United States in and about the Capitol, the President's house, and the botanical garden to furnish an annual statement to the Architect of the Capitol extension, by the first day of December in each year, setting forth the public property in all the buildings, rooms, and grounds, under their charge, purchased during each year, and an account of the disposition of such property during the same period, whether by sale or otherwise.

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CHAP. CCLXXXVIII. — *An Act granting to the Davenport and St. Paul Railroad Company the Right of Way.*

Davenport and Saint Paul R.R. Co. may pass their cars over the bridge across the Mississippi river at Rock Island, upon, &c.;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Davenport and Saint Paul Railroad Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Iowa, be, and is hereby authorized, upon the payment of one-third of the cost of the bridge over the main channel of the Mississippi river at Rock Island, and shall also be liable for and pay one-third of the cost of keeping the same in repair, to pass the cars of the said Davenport and Saint Paul Railroad Company over said bridge, with the same rights and privileges, and subject to the same restrictions, that are or may be exercised or enjoyed by any other railroad company.

may maintain its own track and bridge, upon, &c.

SEC. 2. That upon the payment into the treasury of the United States of one-half of the money referred to in section one of this act, and the payment to the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad Company of the remaining half of said sum of money, said Davenport and Saint Paul Railroad Company shall be authorized to construct and maintain its own track and bridge from the east end of the bridge first above mentioned to the city of Rock Island, in the State of Illinois: *Provided, however*, That the same shall be done without any expense to the government of the United States, and under the direction and shall continue under the control of the Secretary of War.

Proviso.

Secretary of War to determine time-tables, if the roads cannot agree.

Bridge to strike the Illinois shore, where; when to be completed.

Other roads may use, upon, &c.

SEC 3. That in case any railroad companies authorized by law to cross said government bridge cannot agree upon a time-table to control the running of their respective trains thereon, the Secretary of War shall determine the question of difference. and fix the time for trains: *Provided*, That the point where said bridge shall strike the Illinois shore shall be not more than two hundred feet from the present government wagon-bridge: *And provided also*, That said track and bridge shall be completed within two years from the passage of this act. And when completed any other railroad company or companies shall be permitted, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to pass their trains of cars over said last named bridge and track and approaches thereto, upon paying to the parties then in interest their proportionate share of the cost thereof, and of keeping the same in repair: *And provided further*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with

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