SEC. 4. That any person, company, or corporation owning or operating any bridge constructed under this act shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, throughout the year, such lights on their bridges as may be required by the light-house board for the security of navigation; and all persons owning or operating said bridge over the Mississippi river shall, in any event, maintain all lights on their bridge that may be necessary for the security of navigation. Lights to be maintained on bridge.

SEC. 5. That the bridge constructed under this act, and according to its limitations, shall be deemed and taken to be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route for the transmission of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, and no higher charge per mile shall be made for the transmission of mails, troops, and munitions of war, or other property of the United States, in its passage across said bridge, than is charged on railroads approaching said bridge. Bridge to be a lawful structure and post-route. Charges.

SEC. 6. That the directors of said corporation may be citizens of any of the United States, and may hold their meetings in either of the States of Illinois and Missouri, as the board of directors may elect, and may execute a mortgage and issue bonds, payable, principal and interest, in gold. Who may be directors of the corporation. Mortgage bonds.

SEC. 7. That all railway companies desiring to use the said bridge after its completion 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 equitable terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties, in case they shall not agree. All railway companies to have equal rights to use the bridge, &c.

SEC. 8. 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 said bridge is hereby expressly reserved; and any change in the construction or any alteration of said bridge that may be directed at any time by Congress shall be made at the cost and expense of the owners thereof. Right reserved to amend this act. Changes in bridge to be made at whose expense.

This act shall be subject to amendment or repeal at the pleasure of Congress. Act may be repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCIII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver condemned Ordnance to certain Organizations for monumental Purposes.* March 3, 1873.

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 hereby is, authorized to deliver, if the same can be done without detriment to the government, four condemned cannon and sixteen cannon-balls to each of the following-named organizations for the purpose of ornamenting burial-grounds of deceased soldiers: Condemned ordnance to organizations for monumental purposes at

To the Army and Navy Union of Portland, Maine; Portland;

To the municipal authorities of the city of Syracuse, New York; Syracuse;

To the Grand Army of the Republic, at Ansonia, Connecticut; Ansonia;

To the Soldiers' Monument Association at Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Fitchburg;

And to the municipal authorities of the village of Sturgis, Michigan, one cannon and four cannon-balls. Sturgis.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCIV. — *An Act to confirm the Purchase by the Executive Department, on the eighth September, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, of a certain Tract of Land at Omaha, Nebraska.* March 3, 1873.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States is hereby given to the purchase of a certain tract of land at Omaha, Purchase of land at Omaha confirmed.

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