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Made a post-route.

SEC. 4.—That the said bridge and accessory works, when built and constructed under this act and according to the terms and limitations thereof, shall be lawful structures; and said bridge shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; and said bridge shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-routes in the United States; and Congress reserves the right at any time to regulate by appropriate legislation the charges for freight and passengers over said bridge.

Authorized to execute mortgage and issue bonds.

SEC. 5.—That said corporation may execute a mortgage upon the bridge, its approaches and appurtenances, including said accessory works, and issue bonds secured by the same, bearing such rate of interest, and payable, principal and interest, as such corporation shall determine; and such mortgage shall constitute the first lien upon the said bridge and other property in said mortgage mentioned and described.

Right of way for postal telegraph reserved to the United States.

SEC. 6.—That the United States shall have the right-of-way for postal telegraph across said bridge.

Permission for assignment of rights, etc.

SEC. 7.—That the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company may assign all the rights, privileges, and franchises conferred by and contained in this act, if said company shall deem said assignment expedient and for its best interests: *Provided, however*, That said bridge, if built by the assigns of said company, shall be constructed and maintained in all respects on the terms and subject to the conditions, limitations, and restrictions herein contained, reserving the right to Congress to amend, alter, or repeal this act.

Proviso.

Approved, June 27, 1882.

June 27, 1882.

CHAP. 243.—An act to vacate a certain part of Rock street, in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.

Rock street, Georgetown, D. C., portion of, vacated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the portion of Rock street, in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, lying between Bridge street and the intersection of said Rock street with Monroe street be, and the same is hereby, vacated.

Approved, June 27, 1882.

June 27, 1882.

CHAP. 244.—An act to authorize the Southern Maryland Railroad Company to extend a railroad into and within the District of Columbia.

Southern Maryland Railroad Company to extend road into and within the District of Columbia.

Preamble.

Whereas, It is represented to this present Congress that the Southern Maryland Railroad Company, organized under the provisions of the act of the general assembly of the State of Maryland, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Southern Maryland Railroad Company," approved March twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, desire to extend their railroad into and within the District of Columbia: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Southern Maryland Railroad Company shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to extend their railroad into and within the District of Columbia, by and over the route or routes and from and to the terminal point or points following, that is to say: Entering the said District near its northeastern angle and proceeding thence in a northwestwardly direction across the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad near Benning's Station, on that road, and across the eastern branch of the Potomac River about one thousand feet above and north of Benning's Bridge, and run-

Description of route.