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CHAP. 358.—An act to authorize the construction of a street-railway and wagon-road bridge over the Rio Grande River between the city of El Paso, Texas, and Paso del Norte, Mexico. July 28, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the El Paso Street Railway Company, a corporation organized and created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, own, maintain, and operate a street-railway bridge over the Rio Grande River between the city of El Paso, in the State of Texas, and the city of Paso del Norte, in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, at such point as may be most convenient to said corporation to unite and connect the street-railroad to be constructed by them in the said city of El Paso with any street-railroad that may be constructed by any person or company in the said city of Paso del Norte, and to build and lay on and across said bridge ways for the passage of animals, foot-passengers, and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of which said corporation may charge a reasonable toll, which charge shall be subject to revision and regulation by the Secretary of War from time to time.

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Toll.

SEC. 2. That said bridge may be built with unbroken and continuous spans, and of the following dimensions, to wit: Six hundred feet in length, twenty feet in width, ten feet in height above high water level, and with twenty-eight spans, twelve of which to be thirty feet in length and sixteen of which to be fifteen feet in length; that said bridge when completed in the manner herein specified shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure: *Provided*, That said bridge shall not interfere with the free navigation of said river; and in case of any litigation arising from an obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation thereof caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, the case may be tried before the district court of the United States of the State in which any portion of said bridge may be situated: *And provided also*, That Congress reserves the right to withdraw the authority and power conferred by this act in case the free navigation of said river shall at any time be substantially or materially obstructed by said bridge, or for any other reason, and to direct the removal or necessary modifications thereof at the cost and expense of the owners of said bridge; and Congress may at any time alter, repeal, or amend this act: *And provided further*, That the consent of the Mexican State of Chihuahua, and of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico shall have been obtained before said bridge shall be built or commenced.

Form, construction.

Declared a lawful structure.

Provisos.

Free navigation to be maintained.

Consent of Chihuahua etc., to be obtained.

Approved, July 28, 1882.

CHAP. 360.—An act to amend section twenty-one hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes in relation to Indian traders. July 31, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-one hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it shall read:

R. S. 2133, 372, amended.

"Any person other than an Indian of the full blood who shall attempt to reside in the Indian country, or on any Indian reservation, as a trader, or to introduce goods, or to trade therein, without such license, shall forfeit all merchandise offered for sale to the Indians or found in his possession, and shall moreover be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any person residing among or trading with the Choctaws, Cherokees, Chickasaws, Creeks, or Seminoles, commonly called the five civilized tribes, residing in said Indian country, and belonging to the Union Agency therein: *And provided further*, That no white person shall be employed as a clerk by any Indian trader, except such as trade with said five civilized tribes,

Indian traders.

Provisos.