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CHAP. 355.—An act regulating appeals from the supreme court of the District of Columbia and the supreme courts of the several Territories.

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no appeal or writ of error shall hereafter be allowed from any judgement or decree in any suit at law or in equity in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, or in the supreme court of any of the Territories of the United States, unless the matter in dispute, exclusive of costs, shall exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Appeals or writs of error from judgments, etc., of supreme court, District of Columbia; or of a Territory, not allowed unless amount involved be more than $5,000.

SEC 2. That the preceding section shall not apply to any case wherein is involved the validity of any patent or copy-right, or in which is drawn in question the validity of a treaty or statute of or an authority exercised under the United States; but in all such cases an appeal or writ of error may be brought without regard to the sum or value in dispute.

Not to apply to cases involving validity of patent or copyright, treaty, statute, or authority exercised under United States.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

CHAP. 356.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, and to establish it as a post-route.

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Davenport and Rock Island Bridge Company, a corporation duly created and organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, to build a bridge across the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, as may accommodate the Moline, Rock Island and Southern Railroad, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, on the east side of said river, and the Davenport, Iowa and Dakota Railroad, a corporation created under the laws of the State of Iowa, on the west side of said river, and for the accommodation of any railroads that are or may hereafter be built, and to lay over said bridge a railroad track for the more perfect connection of any railroad or railroads that are or may be constructed to the said river, on either side thereof, at or opposite said point, under the limitations and provisions hereinafter provided: *Provided*, That Congress may at any time prescribe such rules and regulations in regard to toll and otherwise as may be deemed reasonable.

Davenport and Rock Island Bridge Company to construct bridge across the Mississippi River at Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa.

Proviso. Toll.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built with a draw, so as not to impede the navigation of said river; said draw shall be a pivot-draw, over the channel of said river usually navigated, and with spans giving a clear width of water-way of not less than two hundred feet on each side of the central or pivot pier of the draw, and the next adjoining span or spans shall give a clear width of water-way of not less than three hundred feet, and said spans shall not be less than three hundred feet, and said spans shall not be less than ten feet above extreme high-water mark and not less than thirty feet above low-water mark, measured to the bottom chord of the bridge, and the piers of said bridge shall, as nearly as practicable, be parallel with the current of said river: *Provided*, That said draw shall always be opened promptly upon reasonable signal; and said company, or its successors and assigns, shall at all proper times keep and maintain all proper lights on said bridge during nights, so that its presence may always be noticed by vessels and craft navigating the channel of said river. And all plans for the construction of said bridge and approaches thereto must first be submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval, and when the same shall be approved by said Secretary the work thereon may be commenced and prosecuted to completion: *And provided further*, That said bridge shall be constructed with such aids to the passage of said bridge, in the form of booms, dikes, piers, or other suitable and proper structures for confining the flow of

Draw.

Proviso. Signals.

Lights.

Plans, etc., to be approved by Secretary of War.

Proviso. Aids to passage of bridge.