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water to a permanent channel and for the guiding of rafts, steamboats, and other water-craft safely through the draw and raft spans, as the Secretary of War shall prescribe and order, to be constructed and maintained at the expense of the company owning said bridge: *And provided further*, That said bridge shall, as nearly as may be, be constructed at right angles with said river or the current thereof: *And provided further*, That any change in the mode of construction of said bridge shall be first submitted to the said Secretary for his approval, and when approved the said company may then proceed with the construction according to said change: *And provided further*, That if said bridge, when constructed, shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, be a substantial obstruction to the navigation of said river, the said Secretary shall require said company to change the construction thereof so as to avoid any serious and substantial obstruction to the navigation of said river, at the expense of the owners of said bridge.

Proviso. To be at right angles with current.

Proviso. Changes in construction.

Proviso. Free navigation to be preserved.

Post-route, and a lawful structure.

SEC. 3. That the bridge hereby authorized shall be a lawful structure, and shall be a post-route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation of the mails of the United States, and the troops and munitions of war, or for passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile paid to railroads and transportation companies leading to said bridge.

All railroad companies accorded equal rights.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon payment of reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War, upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties: *Provided*, That the provisions of section three in regard to charges for passengers and freight across said bridge shall not govern the Secretary of War in determining any question arising as to the sum or sums to be paid to the owners of said bridge by said companies for the use of said bridge.

Secretary of War to decide in case of disagreement as to amount to be paid.

Proviso.

Subject to limitations of act to construct bridge at Clinton, Iowa. 1872, vol. 17, ch. 73, p. 44.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be subject, except as above mentioned, to the limitations and provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the town of Clinton, in the State of Iowa, and other bridges across said river, and to establish them as post-roads." approved April first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Specified rights of the United States reserved.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require any changes in such structure, or its entire removal, at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1885.

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CHAP. 357.—An act to increase the salary of the clerk of the Court of Alabama Claims

Clerk of Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims. Salary increased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the salary of the clerk of the Court of Commissioners, of Alabama Claims shall hereafter be at the rate of four thousand four hundred dollars per annum,

Approved, March 3d, 1885.