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the same, and in the use of the machinery and fixtures thereof, and of all the approaches thereto, under and upon such 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.

Secretary of War to prescribe terms.

SEC. 5. That the structure herein authorized shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge, and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are decided by the Secretary of War to be such as will not materially affect the interests of navigation the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and the said structure shall be at all times so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said structure; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, such lights as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; and the said structure shall be changed or removed at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation and modification by law when the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

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

Lights.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.

Approved, July 19, 1886.

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CHAP. 776.—An act for the relief of Thomas Sampson.

Whereas, by act of Congress approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, it was enacted that the Secretary of the Treasury prepare medals of honor, to be distinguished as life-saving medals, to be bestowed upon any persons who should thereafter imperil their own lives to save the lives of others from the sea; and

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Whereas Thomas Sampson had theretofore, at various times, greatly distinguished himself in rescuing human beings from death in the manner prescribed by said act: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to cause to be prepared a medal of honor, with suitable devices, to be bestowed upon Thomas Sampson, of the city of New York, according to the provisions contained in section seven of the act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of life-saving stations and houses of refuge upon the sea and lake coasts of the United States, and to promote the efficiency of the Life Saving Service."

Thomas Sampson.
Life-saving medal bestowed upon.
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SEC. 2. That the said Thomas Sampson be, and he hereby is, entitled to receive all the benefits of said section in said act contained, just as though he had rendered the services subsequent to the approval of said act.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, July 19, 1886.