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SEC. 4. That in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said rivers and waters caused or alleged to be caused by said bridges or other obstructions, the case may be brought in the district court of the district where such obstruction is alleged to exist, unless meanwhile the portion of said Territory where said erection exists shall have been admitted into the Union as a State, in which case the same may be brought in the circuit court of the United States of such State: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt said bridges from the operation of the same.

Litigation.

Proviso.
Navigation not to be impaired.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.

Approved, July 29, 1886.

CHAP. 803.—An act for the erection of a public building at Jacksonville, Florida.

July 29, 1886.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office, custom-house, internal-revenue office, and other Government offices, at the city of Jacksonville, Florida. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Florida shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Jacksonville, Fla.
Public building.
Site.

Plans.

Estimates.

Proviso.

Open space.

Title.

Approved, July 29, 1886.

CHAP. 804.—An act to grant the Astoria and Winnemucca Railroad Company the right to construct bridges over navigable water-courses.

July 29, 1886

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the Government is hereby given to the Astoria and Winnemucca Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Oregon, to build railroad bridges across the Willamette River, south of Oregon City, at such point as it may select, and across such other navigable streams or sloughs within the State of Oregon as it may be necessary to bridge along the line of said railroad or along the line of any of its branches.

Astoria and Winnemucca Railroad Company authorized to bridge the Willamette River and other navigable water-courses Oregon.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act may, at the option of said railway company, be built as a draw-bridge or with unbroken and continuous spans: *Provided*, That if any such bridge shall be made with unbroken and continuous spans, the main span shall be over the main channel of such navigable river or slough, and shall be of such width, and the lowest part of the superstructure shall be of such height above extreme high-water mark, as the Secretary of War

Construction.

Provisos.
Spans.