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Proviso. Opening draw.

the channel-ways provided for in this act: *Provided*, That said draw shall be opened by the company or persons owning said bridge upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats; and there shall be maintained, at the expense of the owners thereof, from sunset till sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Lights.

Use by other companies.

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 over the same, and over the approaches to the same, upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge, and the several railroad companies, or any of them, desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions which each shall perform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Terms.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 5. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to the regulations for the security of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the owner or owners thereof shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings 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-line at high or 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 may be required for the full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until such plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, 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.

Amendment.

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

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 7. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof. And if any litigation shall arise in regard to said bridge under the provisions of this act, the same shall be had in the circuit court of the United States in whose jurisdiction the bridge or any part thereof is located.

Litigation.

Approved, July 19, 1888.

July 20, 1888.

CHAP. 690.—An act for the relief of certain volunteer soldiers.

Bounties to soldiers enlisting in 1861.

Time limit of muster repealed.

Vol. 17, p. 55.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act in relation to bounties," approved April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be amended by striking out the words "before August sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one"; and said act, as hereby amended, shall have full force and effect from April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Claims to be reconsidered.

SEC. 2. That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to reconsider the claims of all soldiers and their heirs who may have been denied the bounty of one hundred dollars granted by the act of April twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, under any construction of said act which

has since been modified or rescinded, and such claims shall, if found correct and just, be allowed and paid, provided the soldiers were enrolled or enlisted for three years prior to July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, under the proclamation of the President of the United States of May third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the orders of the War Department issued in pursuance thereof, and were actually mustered into the service of the United States and honorably discharged.

Vol. 12, p. 1260.

Approved, July 20, 1888.

CHAP. 691.—An act to provide for the sale of the site at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, the sale or removal of the improvements thereof, and for a new site and the construction of suitable buildings thereon.

July 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell the military reservation known as Fort Omaha, near the city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, and such of the buildings and improvements thereon as can not be economically removed to the new site herein provided for. In disposing of said property the Secretary of War shall cause the grounds to be platted in blocks, streets, and alleys, if in his judgment it would inure to the benefit of the Government in making sale of said site, having due reference to the requirements of the houses and buildings located on said grounds, in such cases as they may be sold with the ground. The Secretary of War shall also cause the lots, lands, and buildings to be appraised and sold at public or private sale, at not less than the appraised value, having first been offered at public sale. The expense of advertising, appraisement, survey, and sale shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale, and the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Fort Omaha Reservation, Nebraska, to be sold.

Plats to be made.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is authorized and shall purchase suitable grounds of not less than three hundred and twenty nor more than six hundred and forty acres in extent, to be situate within a distance of ten miles of the limits of said city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, and construct thereon the necessary buildings, with appurtenances, sufficient for a ten-company military post, to be known as Fort Omaha, in accordance with estimates to be prepared by the War Department; and a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to comply with the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the title to the lands authorized to be purchased under the second section of this act shall be approved by the Attorney-General: *And provided further*, That not more than one-third of said sum shall be expended in the purchase of a site; and the whole expenditure for site and improvement shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

Purchase of new site.

Appropriation.

Provisos. Title.

Limit.

SEC. 3. That section one of this act shall be of effect when the purchase of a new site provided for in section two shall have been effected.

Effect.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 692.—An act to extend the limits of the Port of New Orleans.

July 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limits of the port of entry of New Orleans, Louisiana, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended so as to include that portion of the Parish of Jefferson lying between the Mississippi River, Lake Ponchartrain,

New Orleans, La. Limits of port extended.