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SEC. 6. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within four years from the date thereof. Commencement and completion.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved. Amendment.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

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**CHAP. 753.**—An act to authorize the Macon, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham Railroad Company to build bridges across the Black Warrior River and the Tombigbee River, in Alabama. August 6, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Macon, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to erect and maintain bridges across the Black Warrior River at or near Foster's Ferry, or at such point near said ferry as shall be selected by said railroad company for crossing said river with their railroad line, and across the Tombigbee River in or near township twelve, at such point as shall be selected by said railroad company for crossing said river with their railroad line, the said bridges to have each a draw-span, so as not to interfere with the navigation of said river: *Provided*, That any bridge constructed under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post-route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States, or for through passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over the railroads leading to the said bridges, and equal privileges in the use of said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies; and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridges and their approaches for postal-telegraph purposes. Macon, Tuscaloosa and Birmingham Railroad Company may bridge Black Warrior and Tombigbee Rivers. *Proviso.* Lawful structures and post-routes. Postal telegraph.

SEC. 2. That the plan and location of said bridges, with a detailed map of the rivers at the proposed sites of the bridges and near thereto, exhibiting the depths and currents, shall be submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval, and until he approves the plans and location of said bridges they shall not be built; but upon the approval of said plans by the Secretary of War the said company or corporation may proceed to the erection of said bridges in conformity with said approved plan, and should any change be made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of the work thereon, such change shall be subject likewise to the approval of the Secretary of War. And there shall be displayed on said bridges from sunset to sunrise such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board. Secretary of War to approve plans, etc. Lights.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of said rivers shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridges, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said railroad company to alter and change the said bridges, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if upon reasonable notice to said railroad company to make such changes or improvements the said company fails to do so, the Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same at the expense of said company, and all the rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited; and Congress shall have power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of the said rivers Amendment. Unobstructed navigation.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 4. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized be not commenced within two years, and completed within four years, from the date thereof.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

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August 6, 1888.

**CHAP. 754.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Chattahoochee River in the State of Georgia.

Americus, Preston and Lumpkin Railroad Company may bridge Chattahoochee River, Ga.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the assent of Congress is hereby given to the Americus, Preston and Lumpkin Railroad Company, an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia, its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a bridge over the Chattahoochee River in the State of Georgia.

Location.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War a design and drawings of said bridge, for his examination and approval, and a map of its location, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and in all things shall be subject to such rules and regulations, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; and until said plan and location of said bridge are approved by the Secretary of War said bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge, during the progress of the work of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 3. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or passengers or freight passing over said bridge, than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroads or public highways leading to said bridge; And they shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads of the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph purposes: *Provided also*, That other railroad companies shall have the right to run their cars over said bridge, upon such just and reasonable terms as may be agreed upon by them and the corporation owning or controlling said bridge, and if the parties cannot agree, then the terms shall be determined by the Secretary of War.

Postal telegraph.

*Proviso.* Use by other companies.

Terms.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. 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 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. 5 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 thereof.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

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August 6, 1888.

**CHAP. 755.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Alabama River.

Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company may bridge Alabama River at Montgomery, Ala.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Alabama Great Northwestern Railway Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, and having authority to build its