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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.

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.

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