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by law when the public good shall, in the judgement of Congress, or the Secretary of War, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States.

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 two years and completed within four years from the date thereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 13, 1888.

August 14, 1888.

CHAP. 890.—An act to relieve certain appointed or enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps from the charge of desertion.

Enlisted men in Navy and Marine Corps. Removal of charge of desertion from certain.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the charge of desertion now standing on the rolls and records of the Navy or Marine Corps against any appointed or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who served in the late war may in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy be removed in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy from such rolls and records or from other satisfactory evidence, that any such appointed or enlisted man served faithfully until the expiration of his term of enlistment, or until the first day of May anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-five, having previously served six months or more, or was prevented from completing his term of service by reason of wounds received or disease contracted in the line of duty, but who, by reason of absence from his command at the time he became entitled to his discharge, failed to be mustered out and to receive a discharge from the service: *Provided*, That no such appointed or enlisted man shall be relieved under this section who, not being sick or wounded, left his command, without proper authority, while the same was in presence of the enemy.

Conditions.

Proviso. Desertions in face of the enemy.

Returned to duty after desertion.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to remove the charge of desertion standing on the rolls or records of the Navy or Marine Corps against any appointed or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who served in the late war, in all cases where it shall be made to appear, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, from such rolls or from other satisfactory evidence, that such appointed or enlisted man charged with desertion or with absence without leave, after such charge of desertion or absence without leave, and within a reasonable time thereafter, voluntarily returned to and served in the line of his duty until he was mustered out of the service, and received a certificate of discharge therefrom, or, while so absent, and before the expiration of his term of enlistment, died from wounds, injury, or disease received or contracted in the service and in the line of duty.

Re-enlistments without proper discharge.

SEC. 3. That the charge of desertion now standing on the rolls or records of the Navy or Marine Corps against any appointed or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who served in the late war, by reason of his having enlisted at any station or on board of any vessel of the Navy without having first received a discharge from the station or vessel in which he had previously served, shall be removed in all cases wherein it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy from such rolls and records, or from other satisfactory testimony, that such re-enlistment was not made for the purpose of securing bounty or other gratuity that he would not have been entitled to, had he remained under his original term of enlistment: *Provided*, That no appointed or enlisted man shall be relieved under this act who, not being sick or wounded, left his command without proper authority while the same was in

Proviso. Desertions in face of the enemy or under arrest.

presence of the enemy, or who, at the time of leaving his command, was in arrest or under charges, or in whose case the period of absence from the service exceeded three months.

Certificates of discharge.

SEC. 4. That in all cases where the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any appointed or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps who has not received a certificate of discharge it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to issue to such appointed or enlisted man, or in case of his death, to his heirs or legal representatives, a certificate of discharge.

Pay and bounty.

SEC. 5. That when the charge of desertion shall be removed under the provisions of this act from the record of any appointed or enlisted man of the Navy or Marine Corps, such man, or, in case of his death, the heirs or legal representatives of such man, shall receive all pay and bounty which may have been withheld on account of such charge of desertion or absence without leave: *Provided, however*, That this act shall not be so construed as to give to any such man as may be entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, or, in case of his death, to the heirs or legal representatives of any such man, the right to receive pay and bounty for any period of time during which such man was absent from his command without leave of absence: *And provided further*, That no appointed or enlisted man, nor the heirs or legal representatives of any such man, who served in the Navy or Marine Corps a period of less than six months shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of this act: *And provided further*, That all applications for relief under this act shall be made to and filed with the Secretary of the Navy within the period of five years from and after its passage, and all applications not so made and filed within the said term of five years shall be forever barred, and shall not be received or considered.

Provisos.
No pay during absence without leave.

Limitation.

Claims to be filed in five years.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 14, 1888.

CHAP. 891.—An act to provide for holding terms of the United States district and circuit courts in the State of Nebraska.

August 14, 1888.

Nebraska.
Terms of court.
R. S., secs. 572, 658, pp. 100, 121.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter there shall be held annually in the State of Nebraska a term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of Nebraska at the times and places following: At Omaha in said State on the second Monday in May and second Monday in November; in Lincoln on the second Monday in January; in Hastings on the second Monday in March and in Norfolk on the second Monday in April and a grand and petit jury may be summoned to serve at each of said terms of court hereby established.

Process, etc.

SEC. 2. That all writs, processes, pleas, recognizances and bonds made or returnable to the terms of said courts as now provided by law shall be considered as taken and returnable to the terms established by this act.

Approved, August 14, 1888.

CHAP. 892.—An act establishing additional aids to navigation at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

August 14, 1888.

Mississippi River.
Aids to navigation at mouth of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established additional aids to navigation off and near the passes at the mouth of the Mississippi River, in the State of Louisiana, as follows: