

as a post-route, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridges shall be granted to all telegraph companies; and the United States shall have the right of way over said bridges for postal-telegraph purposes.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridges shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridges 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 to which each shall conform in using said bridges, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

Use by other roads.

Compensation.

SEC. 4. That any bridges authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said rivers as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridges, 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 rivers, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents 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 a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridges are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be commenced or built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridges during the progress of construction such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

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

Amendment.

SEC. 6. 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 three years from the date thereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, January 8, 1889.

CHAP. 22.—An act to construct a road from Florence, South Carolina, to the national cemetery adjacent thereto

January 8, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be used in the construction of a macadam or gravel road leading from the town of Florence, South Carolina, to the national cemetery in the vicinity of said town, the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That no part of the money so appropriated shall be expended until the town of Florence shall, by proper ordinances, grant to the United States the right, without expense, to grade and macadamize the streets along the route selected for the construction or repair of said road, and also provide in said ordinance that when said road is constructed that said town will keep the same in repair within the incorporated limits of said town: *And provided further*, That no part of said money shall be expended until the county of Darlington shall, by proper orders duly entered of record in the proper court, widen the county road, if any, along the route selected, so as that it

Appropriation for road to national cemetery, Florence, S. C.

Provisos.
Road to be kept in repair.

Widening road.

Contracts.

shall correspond in width to such streets of said town as may be selected for the purpose aforesaid: *And provided further*, That the contract to construct said road shall be awarded to the lowest bidder, after due advertisement, the Secretary of War to have authority to reject any and all bids.

Approved, January 8, 1889.

January 14, 1889.

CHAP. 24.—An act for the relief and civilization of the Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota.

Chippewa Indians of Minnesota.
Commissioners to negotiate for relinquishment of lands to be appointed.

Lands excepted.

Assent of tribes.

Proviso.
Allottees not to be disturbed.

Census to be taken.

Assent to extinguish Indian title.

Bond and oath of commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and directed, within sixty days after the passage of this act, to designate and appoint three Commissioners, one of whom shall be a citizen of Minnesota, whose duty it shall be, as soon as practicable after their appointment, to negotiate with all the different bands or tribes of Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota for the complete cession and relinquishment in writing of all their title and interest in and to all the reservations of said Indians in the State of Minnesota, except the White Earth and Red Lake Reservations, and to all and so much of these two reservations as in the judgment of said commission is not required to make and fill the allotments required by this and existing acts, and shall not have been reserved by the Commissioners for said purposes, for the purposes and upon the terms hereinafter stated; and such cession and relinquishment shall be deemed sufficient as to each of said several reservations, except as to the Red Lake Reservation, if made and assented to in writing by two-thirds of the male adults over eighteen years of age of the band or tribe of Indians occupying and belonging to such reservations; and as to the Red Lake Reservation the cession and relinquishment shall be deemed sufficient if made and assented to in like manner by two-thirds of the male adults of all the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota; and provided that all agreements therefor shall be approved by the President of the United States before taking effect: *Provided further*, That in any case where an allotment in severalty has heretofore been made to any Indian of land upon any of said reservations, he shall not be deprived thereof or disturbed therein except by his own individual consent separately and previously given, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. And for the purpose of ascertaining whether the proper number of Indians yield and give their assent as aforesaid, and for the purpose of making the allotments and payments hereinafter mentioned, the said commissioners shall, while engaged in securing such cession and relinquishment as aforesaid and before completing the same, make an accurate census of each tribe or band, classifying them into male and female adults, and male and female minors; and the minors into those who are orphans and those who are not orphans, giving the exact numbers of each class, and making such census in duplicate lists, one of which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Interior, and the other with the official head of the band or tribe; and the acceptance and approval of such cession and relinquishment by the President of the United States shall, be deemed full and ample proof of the assent of the Indians, and shall operate as a complete extinguishment of the Indian title without any other or further act or ceremony whatsoever for the purposes and upon the terms in this act provided.

SEC. 2. That the said commissioners shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, each give a bond to the United States in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and conditioned for the