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court for said northern judicial district for final disposition, and all offenses committed in said county against the laws of the United States before the passage of this act shall also be cognizable in the United States court for the said northern district until final disposition of the same.

Approved, December 11, 1890.

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CHAP. 3.—An act to authorize the Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to construct and maintain bridges across English Bayou and Calcasieu River.

Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company may bridge English Bayou and Calcasieu River at certain points in Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Lake Charles Road and Bridge Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, or its assigns, to erect, construct, and maintain a bridge over the English Bayou and a bridge over Calcasieu River,

Location.

in the State of Louisiana, at such points upon said bayou and river in township nine south and range eight west as may be found advantageous. Said bridges shall be constructed to provide for the

Wagon, etc., and footbridges.

passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, foot-passengers, and of all kinds of commerce, travel, or communication, and said corporation may charge and receive such reasonable tolls therefor as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Tolls.

Construction.
Draws.
Width.

SEC. 2. That each of said bridges shall be constructed as draw-bridges, with an opening over the center of the channel of such width as the Secretary of War shall determine, and which shall not be less than thirty feet in the clear across English Bayou and not less than fifty feet in the clear across Calcasieu River: *Provided, also*,

Proviso.
Opening of draws.

That said draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water-craft, and in no case shall unnecessary delay occur; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such

Lights, etc.
Sheer booms, etc.

lights or other signals on said bridges as the Light-House Board shall prescribe, and such sheer booms or other structures as may be necessary to safely guide vessels, boats, rafts, or other water-craft safely through said draw-openings as shall be designated and required by the Secretary of War.

Security of navigation.

SEC. 3. That said bridges shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said bayou and river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

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 bayou and river, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the streams, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of

Changes in plans.

War the bridges shall not be built, and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of construction such change shall be submitted to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Amendment, etc.
Structural changes.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act, or to require any changes in such structures, or their entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, and the right to

prescribe such rules and regulations in regard to toll and otherwise as may be deemed reasonable, are expressly reserved. Regulations, etc.

SEC. 5. 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 three years from the date thereof. Commencement and completion.

Approved, December 11, 1890.

CHAP. 4.—An act for the relief of General George Stoneman. December 15, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint George Stoneman, late a major-general United States Volunteers, to the position of colonel of infantry in the Army of the United States, and to place him on the retired list of the Army as of that grade, the retired list being thereby increased in number to that extent, and all laws and parts of laws in any manner in conflict herewith are hereby suspended for this purpose only. George Stoneman. To be appointed and retired a colonel of infantry in the army. Grade.

Approved, December 15, 1890.

CHAP. 5.—An act to amend chapter one thousand and sixty-five of the acts of the first session of the Fiftieth Congress. December 15, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter one thousand and sixty-five of the acts passed at the first session of the Fiftieth Congress be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows, viz: By inserting in line nineteen of said act, between the words "new" and "registering," the words "or improved." Mail locks and keys. Postmaster-General may purchase "improved." Vol. 25, p. 505, amended.

SEC. 2. That this act take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved, December 15, 1890.

CHAP. 6.—An act to authorize the payment of drawback or rebate in certain cases. December 15, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on all original and unbroken factory packages of smoking and manufactured tobacco and snuff, held by manufacturers or dealers at the time the reduced tax as provided for in "An act to reduce the revenue and equalize duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, shall take effect, upon which the tax has been paid, there shall be allowed a drawback or rebate of the full amount of the reduction, but the same shall not apply in any case where the claim has not been presented within sixty days following the date of reduction; and such rebate to manufacturers may be paid in stamps at the reduced rate; and no claim shall be allowed or drawback paid for a less amount than five dollars. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to adopt such rules and regulations and to prescribe and furnish such blanks and forms as may be necessary to carry this act into effect. For the payment of the rebates provided for in this act there is hereby appropriated any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Rebate allowed to manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, in certain cases. *Ante*, p. 619, amended. Limit of time for claims. Payable in stamps. Minimum claim. Regulations, etc. Appropriation.

Approved, December 15, 1890.