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Commencement and completion.

SEC. 8. That this act shall be null and void if construction of said bridge shall not be commenced on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and be completed on or before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Approved, February 13, 1891.

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CHAP. 168.—An act to give consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge over the Duck River in Humphreys County, Tennessee.

The county of Humphreys, Tenn., may bridge Duck River in Humphreys County, Tenn.

Location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the county of Humphreys, in the State of Tennessee, to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto over the Duck River, at or near the present crossing of any public road leading from Waverly to Bakerville, in the said county of Humphreys, Tennessee. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the free passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot-passengers.

Free wagon and foot bridge.

Lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 2. 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, and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States: *Provided*, That the United States may construct a postal telegraph over said bridge without charge therefor.

Proviso.

Postal telegraph.

Security of navigation.

SEC. 3. That any bridge 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 river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said county shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge 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 river, 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 bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built, and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. And the said bridge shall be at all times so managed and kept as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under said bridge; and to secure the safe passage of vessels at night there shall be displayed on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Maps, designs, etc.

Secretary of War to approve location, etc.

Change of plan.

Passage of vessels.

Lights, etc.

Amendment, etc.

Structural changes, etc.

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 entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress 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 hereof.

Approved, February 13, 1891.