

maintain thereon, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 4. 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 of the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

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

Amendment, etc.

Approved, January 25, 1895.

CHAP. 50.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to correct errors where double allotments of land have erroneously been made to an Indian, to correct errors in patents, and for other purposes.

January 26, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where it shall appear that a double allotment of land has heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, wrongfully or erroneously made by the Secretary of the Interior to any Indian by an assumed name or otherwise, or where a mistake has been or shall be made in the description of the land inserted in any patent, said Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, during the time that the United States may hold the title to the land in trust for any such Indian and for which a conditional patent may have been issued, to rectify and correct such mistake and cancel any patent which may have been erroneously and wrongfully issued, whenever in his opinion the same ought to be canceled for error in the issue thereof, or for the best interests of the Indian, and, if possession of the original patent can not be obtained, such cancellation shall be effective if made upon the records of the General Land Office; and no proclamation shall be necessary to open the lands so allotted to settlement.

Public lands.
Errors in allotments
and patents to Indians
to be corrected.

Approved, January 26, 1895.

CHAP. 54.—An Act To authorize the Laporte, Houston and Northern Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Galveston Bay, Buffalo Bayou, and Clear Creek, in the State of Texas.

February 1, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Laporte, Houston and Northern Railroad Company, incorporated by the State of Texas and now existing under the laws of said State, is hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain, a bridge across Galveston Bay at or near Virginia Point, and across Clear Creek at a point between the bridge of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad and the mouth of the said creek at Clear Lake, and across Buffalo Bayou at any point from Clinton to the city of Houston, subject to the laws of the State of Texas, and upon the following terms, limitations, and conditions:

Laporte, Houston
and Northern Rail-
road Company may
bridge Galveston Bay,
Buffalo Bayou, and
Clear Creek, Tex.

First. That the precise location of said bridges shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Location.

Second. Said company may locate, construct, and maintain over such bridges and approaches thereto railroad tracks for the use of railroads: *Provided,* That any railroad on either side of said bridges shall be permitted to connect its tracks with the said bridge approaches, and shall have equal rights of transit for its rolling stock, cars, passengers, and freight upon equal and equitable terms, and if a dispute as to the equality or equity of the terms shall arise it shall be submitted to and decided by the Secretary of War.

Railway bridge.

Proviso.
Use by other roads.

Third. That any bridge built under the authority of this Act shall be constructed with such span and at such elevation as the Secretary of War shall approve and require.

Spans, etc.