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structure shall be changed or removed, at the cost and expense of the owners thereof, from time to time, as Congress may direct, so as to preserve the free and convenient navigation of said river; and the authority to erect and continue said bridge shall be subject to revocation and modification by law when the public good shall, in the judgment of Congress, so require, without any expense or charge to the United States. Revocation, etc.

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

SEC. 6. 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 thereof. Commencement and completion.

Approved, February 26, 1895.

CHAP. 137.—An Act To amend the Articles for the Government of the Navy relative to punishment on conviction by court-martial. February 27, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Articles for the Government of the Navy be, and the same are hereby, amended by adding thereto the following: Navy. Articles amended. R. S., sec. 1624, p. 284, amended.

"ARTICLE 63. Whenever, by any of the Articles for the Government of the Navy of the United States, the punishment on conviction of an offense is left to the discretion of the court-martial, the punishment therefor shall not, in time of peace, be in excess of a limit which the President may prescribe." Punishment for offenses in time of peace.

Approved, February 27, 1895.

CHAP. 138.—An Act Making the surveyor of the District of Columbia a salaried officer, and to provide for more efficient service in the surveyor's office. February 28, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act the surveyor of the District of Columbia shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum in lieu of fees, and shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for a term of four years unless sooner removed for cause and shall be under the direction and control of the said Commissioners. District of Columbia. Surveyor to be appointed. Salary, term. R. S. D. C., ch. 16, p. 56.

SEC. 2. That the surveyor shall give bond to the United States in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, with two sureties, to be approved by the Commissioners, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before the Commissioners that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office, which bond and oath shall be deposited with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Bond. Oath.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, on the recommendation of the surveyor, be, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint one assistant surveyor, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, and such employees as may in the judgment of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be required for the surveyor's office and operations at an aggregate expense of not exceeding five thousand two hundred dollars in any one year. Assistant, etc.

SEC. 4. That the surveyor shall, as speedily as possible, execute any order of survey made by any court or private individual of any lot or square within the city of Washington, or of any land within the District of Columbia outside of said city, and shall make due return of a true plat and certificate thereof. Executing orders.