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or gilded, or consist of cut or carved or cast roman letters in light color on a dark ground, or in a dark color on a light ground, secured in place, and to be distinctly visible. The smallest letters used shall not be less in size than four inches. If any such vessel shall be found without these names being so marked the owner or owners shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each name omitted: *Provided, however*, That the names on each bow may be marked within the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.'

Penalty.
Proviso.
Marking on bow.

Draft to be marked.

"SEC. 2. That the draft of every registered vessel shall be marked upon the stem and stern post, in English feet or decimeters, in either arabic or roman numerals. The bottom of each numeral shall indicate the draft to that line."

Approved, January 20, 1897.

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CHAP. 68.—An Act To withdraw from the Supreme Court jurisdiction of criminal cases not capital and confer the same on the circuit courts of appeals.

United States courts.
Appeals in criminal cases not capital withdrawn from Supreme Court to circuit courts of appeals.
Vol. 26, p. 827.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section five of the Act entitled "An Act to establish circuit courts of appeals and to define and regulate in certain cases the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety one, as reads "in cases of conviction of a capital or otherwise infamous crime," be amended by striking out the words "or otherwise infamous," so that the same will read "in cases of conviction of a capital crime;" and that appeals or writs of error may be taken from the district courts or circuit courts to the proper circuit court of appeals in cases of conviction of an infamous crime not capital: *Provided*, That no case now pending in the Supreme Court or in which an appeal or writ of error shall have been taken or sued out before the passage of this Act shall be hereby affected, but in all such cases the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall remain, and said Supreme Court shall proceed therein as if this Act had not been passed.

Proviso.
Pending cases not affected.

Approved, January 20, 1897.

January 20, 1897.

CHAP. 69.—An Act To approve and ratify the construction of a bridge across the Red River, between the States of Arkansas and Texas, at a point above the town of Fulton, in Arkansas, on said river, built by the Texarkana Northern Railway Company, but now owned and operated by the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company, and to authorize the latter company to maintain said bridge over said waterway, subject to certain stipulations and conditions.

Bridge across Red River, Fulton, Ark., by Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company approved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the construction by the Texarkana Northern Railway Company, a corporation formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a railroad northward from the town of Texarkana, in the States of Texas and Arkansas, but which has been merged into and succeeded by the corporation known as the Texarkana and Fort Smith Railway Company, of the bridge over the Red River, between the States of Arkansas and Texas, above the town of Fulton, in Arkansas, on the said river, be, and the same hereby is, approved and ratified, subject to the stipulations and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That said bridge, so long as maintained according to the limitations of this Act, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or for through passengers or freight passing over the same, than the rate per mile paid for their transportation over