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may charge and receive such reasonable tolls therefor as may be permitted by the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That the bridge constructed under this Act shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized as a post route, upon which no charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and approaches for postal telegraph purposes: *Provided*, That before the construction of any bridge herein authorized is commenced the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of such bridge and a map of the location, giving sufficient information to enable the Secretary of War to fully and satisfactorily understand the subject; and unless the plan and location of such bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the structure shall not be built: *Provided further*, That any bridge constructed under authority of this Act shall at all times be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other water craft through or under said structure, and for the safety of vessels passing 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.

Postal telegraph.

Provisos.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 3. 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 approval of this Act.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 4. That Congress shall have power at any time to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, or any part thereof, if in its judgment the public interests so require.

Approved, February 17, 1897.

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CHAP. 239.—An Act To authorize a survey for construction of a bridge across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River in line with Massachusetts avenue extended eastward.

Eastern Branch, Potomac River, D. C.
Survey directed for bridge across, in line with Massachusetts avenue.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be made, as soon as practicable, a survey, plan, and estimate of the cost of constructing a substantial wooden, iron, steel, or masonry bridge across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, in the District of Columbia, and the necessary approaches thereto, such bridge to begin for its westward end at a suitable point on the Government reservation in line with Massachusetts avenue extended eastward, and extending thence across the said river to a suitable point in the line of Massachusetts avenue extended, for its eastern end, such bridge when constructed to be maintained as a free bridge for travel, and to be of such strength and dimensions as to accommodate the ordinary traffic which passes over an ordinary highway, and also the tracks and traffic of any street railway or railways employing horses or electric or mechanical motors (not steam-operated motors) for the propulsion of its cars, which may hereafter be granted the right to cross such bridge by the authorities vested with such power, and to report thereon to the Congress of the United States on the first Monday of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; and that the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for such survey, plan, and estimate, and such contingencies as are necessarily incident thereto, such sum of money to be immediately available upon the passage of this Act.

Report.

Appropriation.

Approved, February 17, 1897.