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Provisos. Width. Stations.

Indian Territory: *Provided*, That such right of way shall be fifty feet in width on each side of the central line of the road. Said company shall also have the right to take and use for station purposes a strip of land one hundred feet in width by a length of two thousand feet in addition to right of way to an extent not to exceed one station for each ten miles of road constructed within the limits of said reservations:

Commencement and completion.

Provided further, That work shall be commenced on such construction within a reasonable time from the approval of this Act, and completed so as to have trains running to the town of Miami within twelve months from said date.

Consent of Indians.

SEC. 2. That before said company shall enter the territory of any nation or tribe of Indians for the purpose of constructing its line of railroad and telegraph it shall have the written consent of the general council of such tribe thereto, which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Interior.

Purchase from allottees.

SEC. 3. That said company shall have authority to acquire a right of way for its line of railroad and telegraph from individual allottees upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the parties, and in cases where the line of said railroad runs through the lands of minor allottees the judge of the United States court for the district wherein said lands are situated shall have power to regulate the manner, terms, and conditions whereby such right of way shall be acquired.

Condemnation.

SEC. 4. That in cases where a right of way can not be acquired from adult allottees by agreement between the parties, the same may be acquired by proceedings in condemnation in the United States court for the proper district, or before the judge thereof in vacation, according to the provisions of chapter fifty-eight of Sanders and Hill's Digest of the Laws of Arkansas, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, respecting "eminent domain," so far as the same can be made applicable: *Provided*,

Provisos. Payment to tribes.

That in addition to the compensation herein provided for, said railroad company shall pay to the Secretary of the Interior, for the benefit of the tribes through whose lands the said railroad may be constructed, the sum of fifty dollars per mile for each mile of road constructed through tribal lands which have not been allotted to individual Indians.

Annual rental.

Said company shall also pay, so long as said lands are owned and occupied as tribal property, to the Secretary of the Interior the sum of fifteen dollars per annum for each mile of railway it shall construct through the said Territory. And the money paid the Secretary of the

Apportionment.

Interior under the provisions of this Act shall be apportioned by him among the several tribes in accordance with the number of miles of road that may be constructed through each reservation: *Provided further*,

Taxation.

That Congress shall have the right, so long as said lands remain as tribal property, to impose such additional taxes upon said railroads as may be deemed just and proper for their benefit, and the like power may be exercised by any State or Territory which may hereafter be formed.

Approved, March 28, 1896.

March 28, 1896.

CHAP. 77.—An Act For the right of the Rock Island, Muscatine and Southwestern Railway Company to build a bridge across the Illinois and Mississippi canal.

Rock Island, Muscatine and Southwestern Railway Company may bridge Illinois and Mississippi Canal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Rock Island, Muscatine and Southwestern Railway Company, organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, is hereby authorized to build a drawbridge for wagon and railroad purposes across the Illinois and Mississippi canal

Location.

in sections numbered nine or ten, township seventeen, range two, west of the fourth principal meridian, situate in the county of Rock Island and State of Illinois, and about two thousand two hundred feet in an easterly direction from lock numbered thirty-seven. Said bridge to be

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built according to the requirements of the War Department: *Provided*,

That the said drawbridge shall span the entire canal, or at least span with one draw span the sixty-foot bottom width of the canal, and shall be built with suitable girders and retaining walls, similar to what have been built by the United States at the bridges at Milan, Illinois, and with the axis of the bridge perpendicular to the axis of the canal: *Provided also*, That the lowest member of the bridge shall be above the grade of the north embankment, and suitable provision be made for the towpath, and highway crossings along the crossing of the south embankment of the canal and the railroad tracks and embankment: *And provided further*, That the draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats; and the owners of the bridge shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset till sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Drawbridge.

Height.

Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 2. That no bridge shall be erected or maintained under the authority of this Act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the navigation of said canal; and no bridge shall be commenced or built under this Act until the location thereof and the plans and specifications for its construction shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War; and any change in the plan of such construction or any alteration in the bridge after its construction shall be subject to the like approval; and whenever said bridge shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, substantially obstruct the free navigation of said canal, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction; and all such alterations shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owner or owners of said bridge, or the persons operating or controlling the same.

Unobstructed navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Alterations.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 4. 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.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, March 28, 1896.

CHAP. 78.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee River at Knoxville, Tennessee.

March 28, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Knox, in the State of Tennessee, in its corporate capacity, and either alone or in conjunction with the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, as said county may elect, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a bridge over and across the Tennessee River, at or near the site, and in lieu of the present bridge over the said river at the city of Knoxville, so as to connect said city of Knoxville with the opposite or south bank of said river.

Knox County, Tenn., may bridge Tennessee River, Knoxville, Tenn.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be so constructed that a reasonably free and unobstructed passageway may be secured to all water craft navigating said river at the point aforesaid; and if said bridge shall be constructed as a drawbridge the draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats and vessels; and whatever kind of bridge is constructed the owners thereof shall maintain, at their own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals thereon as the Light-House Board shall prescribe: *Provided*, That if said bridge be constructed to accommodate street-railway traffic, all street-car and electric-car companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case of disagreement between the owners of the bridge and the several electric and street-car companies, or any of them desiring such use, in regard to the sum or sums to be paid, or the rules and conditions to be conformed to, all

Unobstructed navigation.

Drawbridge.

Lights, etc.

Proviso.
Use by street, etc., car companies.

Compensation.