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security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and if said bridge is not commenced within two years and completed within three years from the passage of this Act the rights and privileges hereby granted shall be null and void."

—changes.

Commencement and completion.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 8, 1899.

February 8, 1899.

CHAP. 121.—An Act To prevent the abatement of certain actions.

Suits against Government officers not to abate on their retirement, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by or against the head of any Department or Bureau or other officer of the United States in his official capacity, or in relation to the discharge of his official duties, shall abate by reason of his death, or the expiration of his term of office, or his retirement, or resignation, or removal from office, but, in such event, the Court, on motion or supplemental petition filed, at any time within twelve months thereafter, showing a necessity for the survival thereof to obtain a settlement of the questions involved, may allow the same to be maintained by or against his successor in office, and the Court may make such order as shall be equitable for the payment of costs.

Approved, February 8, 1899.

February 8, 1899.

CHAP. 122.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to permit the use of the buildings on the Fort Supply Military Reservation by Oklahoma Territory for an insane asylum.

Fort Supply Military Reservation.
Use of buildings on, for insane asylum by Oklahoma Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, under rules and regulations to be provided by him, to permit the use of the buildings on the Fort Supply Military Reservation, and so much of the land as may be necessary for such use, by the Territory of Oklahoma for the purpose of an insane asylum for said Territory. Said authority may be revoked, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, February 8, 1899.

February 8, 1899.

CHAP. 123.—An Act For adjusting clothing account for deceased soldiers, in certain cases.

Army.
Deductions from pay of volunteer dying six months after enrollment only where clothing actually overdrawn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the adjustment of the accounts of volunteers enrolled on account of the existing war with Spain, who have died, or may hereafter die within six months from the date of their enrollment, the accounting officers of the Treasury shall make no stoppage on account of clothing overdrawn against the pay or