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treaty of September thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, with the tribe of Indians known as the Chippewas of Lake Superior, whereby certain territory was ceded to the United States, and granting to each head of a family of such tribe, in fee simple, a reservation of eighty acres of land, to be selected in the territory ceded by said treaty, situate within the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, and extending like benefits and privileges to the mixed bloods belonging to or connected with such tribe, who should permanently reside upon the ceded lands), made February ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, respectively, upon the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three, and upon the south half of the southeast quarter of said section twenty-three, in township one north, of range one west, in the Salt Lake City land district, in the Territory (now State) of Utah, and the patents issued by the land department January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in the names of said scrippees, respectively, for the lands embraced by said scrip locations, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and confirmed, and the title to said lands is hereby confirmed, in said patentees and their transferrees, immediate or remote, to the same extent as though said patents had been in all respects valid when issued.

Approved, February 23, 1901.

February 23, 1901.

CHAP. 468.—An Act To authorize the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River at Geneva, Alabama.

Louisville and Nashville Railroad may bridge Choctawhatchee River at Geneva, Ala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Kentucky, and doing business in the State of Alabama, its successors and assigns, be, and it is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Choctawhatchee River at Geneva, Alabama, at such point as may have been or may hereafter be selected by said railroad company for crossing said river on its line of railroad, provided such point selected shall, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, be suitable to the interests of navigation; that said bridge shall be constructed for the passage of railroad trains, and said railroad company may locate, construct, maintain, and operate over said bridge and the approaches thereto railroad tracks for the use of said railroad company.

Railroad bridge.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be a lawful structure, subject to the limitations of this Act, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile to be paid for the same over the railroad leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way over said bridge for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Postal telegraph, etc.

Secretary of War to approve plans.

SEC. 3. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said railroad company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of said bridge, with a map of the location thereof, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for the full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and that said bridge shall not be built until the plans and location thereof shall be approved by the Secretary of War; and should any change be made in the plans of said bridge during the progress of its construction, or after its com-

Changes.

pletion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense: *Provided*, That if said bridge is constructed as a drawbridge the draw thereof shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, and the said railroad company shall maintain thereon, at its own expense, between sunset and sunrise, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

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Lights.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Rights of railroads to use.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

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

Amendment.

Approved, February 23, 1901.

CHAP. 469.—An Act For the preparation of plans or designs for a memorial or statue of General Ulysses S. Grant on ground belonging to the United States Government in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

February 23, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, the chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, and the Secretary of War be, and they are hereby, created a commission to select a site and secure plans and designs for a statue or memorial of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States and General of the armies thereof, said statue not to cost in excess of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Statue of Gen. U. S. Grant.
Selection of a site authorized.

SEC. 2. That said commission is authorized to select any unoccupied square or reservation belonging to the Government, or part thereof, in the District of Columbia, except the grounds of the Capitol and Library of Congress, on which to erect the said statue.

Use of Government reservation.

SEC. 3. That the said commission is authorized and required to advertise for plans, specifications, and models for the base, pedestal, and statue provided for in section one, and may pay to competing artists for the same and for expenses incident to making such selection, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, one of which plans, specifications, or models shall, if deemed sufficiently meritorious by the commission, be selected, or the commission may select any part of any of the plans, specifications, or models that it may elect and that it can use.

Plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That as soon as practicable after the selection authorized by section three is made, said commission shall report their action to the Congress of the United States.

Report.

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