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funds to defray the expenses incurred," is hereby confirmed, ratified, and declared valid.

Approved, June 14, 1902.

CHAP. 1090.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across Waccamaw River, at Conway, in the State of South Carolina, by Conway and Seashore Railroad Company.

June 14, 1902.
[Public, No. 160.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Conway and Seashore Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto over the Waccamaw River, at Conway, in the State of South Carolina.

Waccamaw River, S. C.
Conway and Seashore Railroad Company may bridge, at Conway.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and shall be provided with a suitable draw, to be maintained and operated by said railroad company at its own expense, and said draw shall be promptly opened upon reasonable signal for the passage of all water craft.

Protection to navigation.
Drawbridge.

SEC. 3. That the company building the said bridge 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 thereof, and until the said plan and location are approved by the Secretary of War the said bridge shall not be commenced or built, and no changes shall be made in said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion unless approved by the Secretary of War; and the said company shall at its own expense make, from time to time, such changes in said bridge as the Secretary of War may order in the interests of navigation: *Provided*, That the said company shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board may prescribe.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.
Changes.
Proviso.
Lights, etc.

SEC. 4. That said bridge shall be a lawful structure, 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 paid for the transportation over the railroads leading to the said bridge, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads in the United States, and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Lawful structure and post route.
Telegraph, etc., rights.

SEC. 5. That all railroad companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges in the passage of railroad trains over the same and the approaches thereto upon 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 the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in the use of 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.

Use by other companies.
Compensation.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void unless the construction of the bridge herein authorized shall be commenced and completed within two years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Time of construction.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, June 14, 1902.