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agreed upon, and all necessary expenses, sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Public roads.

PUBLIC ROAD INQUIRIES: To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to make inquiries in regard to the systems of road management throughout the United States; to make investigations in regard to the best methods of road making, and the best kinds of road-making materials in the several States; to conduct experiments; for the employment of local and special agents, clerks, assistants, and other labor required in the city of Washington and elsewhere; for collating, digesting, reporting, and illustrating the results of such investigations and experiments; for preparing, publishing, and distributing bulletins and reports; for necessary office fixtures and supplies, apparatus, and materials; telegraph and telephone service, traveling, and other necessary expenses, and to enable him to assist the agricultural colleges and experiment stations in disseminating information on this subject, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Total for Department of Agriculture, five million nine hundred and two thousand and forty dollars.

Approved, April 23, 1904.

April 23, 1904.
[H. R. 14413.]
[Public, No. 151.]

CHAP. 1487.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi River between the counties of Stearns and Benton, in the State of Minnesota.

Mississippi River.
Watab Rapids Power Company may dam, in Minnesota.
Location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Watab Rapids Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, its successors or assigns, to construct and maintain across the Mississippi River a dam and works necessary incident thereto for water power and supply purposes at any point not less than four hundred feet above the mouth of Watab River, between section twenty-one, in township one hundred and twenty-five north, range twenty-eight west, in Stearns County, and section nine, in township thirty-six north, range thirty one west, in Benton County, Minnesota, which may be approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War:

Provisos.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Provided, That the plans for the construction of said dam and appurtenant works shall be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before the commencement of the construction of the same:

Changes.

And provided further, That the aforesaid Watab Rapids Power Company, its successors or assigns, shall not deviate from such plans after such approval, neither before nor after the completion of said structures, unless the modification of said plans has been previously submitted to and received the approval of the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War:

Sluiceways.

And provided further, That there shall be placed and maintained in connection with said dam a sluiceway so arranged as to permit logs, timber, and lumber to pass around, through, or over said dam without unreasonable delay or hindrance and without toll or charges:

Lock.

And provided further, That the dam shall be so constructed that the Government of the United States may at any time construct in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes, and may at any time, without compensation, control the said dam so far as shall be necessary for purposes of navigation, but shall not destroy the water power developed by said dam and structures to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation, and that the Secretary of War may at any time require and enforce, at the expense of the owners, such modifications and changes in the construction of said dam as he may deem advisable in the interests of navigation.

Fishways.

SEC. 2. That suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commissioner, shall be constructed and maintained at said dam by said corporation, its successors or assigns.

Litigation.

SEC. 3. That in case any litigation arises from the building of said dam, or from the obstruction of said river by said dam or appurtenant works, cases may be tried in the proper courts as now provided for that purpose in the State of Minnesota, and in the courts of the United States: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers or to exempt said structure from the operation of the same.

Proviso.
Existing laws not affected.

Amendment.

Time of construction.

SEC. 4. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved; and the Act shall become null and void unless the construction of the said dam is commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval thereof.

Approved, April 23, 1904.

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[H. R. 13509.]

[Public, No. 152.]

CHAP. 1488.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer to the Columbia Military Academy certain property in Maury County, Tennessee.

Columbia Arsenal, Tenn.
Transferred to Columbia Military Academy for educational purposes.

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 convey, by deed duly and properly executed, to Columbia Military Academy, an educational corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and its successors, the property situated in the ninth civil district of Maury County, State of Tennessee, belonging to the Government of the United States, formerly used as an arsenal, and known as the Columbia Arsenal property, the same comprising about sixty-six acres, and generally bounded by the Hampshire pike, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, the Mount Pleasant pike, and a public road connecting the two pikes above named, said conveyance to provide, however, that the estate thereby created shall continue so long only as the said property shall be used for educational purposes only and in conformity with the terms of this Act.

Stipulation in acceptance.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall require the grantee to file in the War Department an acceptance of said property stipulating that the same shall be dedicated and used for all time for educational purposes and no other.

Authority of Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War shall be a visitor to said school and have and exercise full rights of visitation, and he shall have the right and authority, in his discretion, if the public interest requires, to prescribe the military curriculum of said school and to enforce compliance therewith, and upon refusal or failure of the authorities of said school to comply with the rules and regulations so prescribed by the Secretary of War or with the terms of this Act he is authorized to declare that the estate of the grantee has determined, and the property shall revert to the United States, and the Secretary of War is authorized thereupon to take possession of said property in behalf of the United States. The deed mentioned in section one and the acceptance mentioned in section two of this Act shall so stipulate and shall further reserve to the United States the right to use such lands for military purposes at any time on demand of the President of the United States.

Use reserved.

Approved, April 23, 1904.