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the navigation of said rivers as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, maps of location and designs and drawings of each of the bridges; and until the said plans and locations are approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in the plans of said bridges, or any one of them, during the progress or construction or after completion, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and all changes in said bridges, or any one of them, required by the Secretary of War, at any time, or their entire removal, shall be made promptly by the corporations or persons owning or operating said bridges, at their own expense.

Changes.

SEC. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridges herein authorized is not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date thereof.

Time of construction.

Approved, February 18, 1905.

CHAP. 588.—An Act To grant certain lands to the State of Ohio.

February 18, 1905.
[H. R. 11444.]

[Public, No. 81.]

Whereas the State of Ohio in the years eighteen hundred and twenty-eight to eighteen hundred and forty-four, inclusive, constructed the Miami and Erie Canal; and

Preamble.

Whereas the State of Ohio, for the purpose of supplying the said canal with water, built and constructed certain artificial lakes or reservoirs known as the Mercer County Reservoir, in Mercer and Auglaize counties, and the Loramie Reservoir, in Auglaize and Shelby counties, the former being completed and flooded with water about the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, and the latter about the year eighteen hundred and forty-four; and

Whereas it has recently come to the knowledge of the authorities of the State of Ohio that the title to the land above described is in the United States and not in the said State of Ohio: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-described lands in township six south, range three east, in Mercer County, Ohio, be, and the same are hereby, granted to the State of Ohio, to wit: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section two, township six south, range three east, forty acres; the south half of the southwest quarter of section three, township six south, range three east, eighty acres; the east half of the northeast quarter of section eight, township six south, range three east, eighty acres; the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section eight, township six south, range three east, forty acres; the northwest quarter of section eight, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the southwest quarter of section eight, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the northeast quarter of section nine, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the southeast quarter of section nine, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the northwest quarter of section nine, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the east half of the southwest quarter of section nine, township six south, range three east, eighty acres; the southwest quarter of section ten, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the northeast quarter of section eleven, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty

Ohio.
Lands in Mercer, Auglaize, and Shelby counties, granted to.

Description.

acres; the southeast quarter of section eleven, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the east half of the southwest quarter of section eleven, township six south, range three east, eighty acres; the northwest quarter of section seventeen, township six south, range three east, one hundred and sixty acres; the east half of the southwest quarter of section seventeen, township six south, range three east, eighty acres; also the whole of section seven, township six south, range four east, in Auglaize County, Ohio, six hundred and ninety-four acres; also the north half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-seven, township seven south, range five east, in Shelby County, Ohio, eighty acres; and containing in all two thousand six hundred and ninety-four acres, more or less.

Approved, February 18, 1905.

February 18, 1905.
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[Public, No. 82.]

CHAP. 589.—An Act Authorizing the Alexandria, Bayou Maçon and Greenville Railway Company to construct bridges over Red River, Little River, Ouachita River, and Bayou Louis, in Louisiana.

Red, Little, Ouachita rivers, and Bayou Louis, La.
Alexandria, Bayou Maçon and Greenville Railway Company may bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alexandria, Bayou Maçon and Greenville Railway Company, a corporation created and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, be, and the same is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain, for the passage of railway trains, bridges with single or double tracks and approaches thereto over the Red River, the Little River, the Ouachita River, and Bayou Louis, in the State of Louisiana, at such locations as may be approved by the Secretary of War.

Locations.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 2. That the said bridges shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War, and the said company shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, designs and drawings of the bridges and maps of the locations, giving for the space of a mile above and a mile below the proposed locations 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, the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream; and until the plans and locations have been approved by the Secretary of War the bridges shall not be built or commenced. The Secretary of War shall have power to require such other information as he may deem necessary for a full understanding of the subject. Any changes made in the plans of said bridges during the progress of construction or after completion shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, and the said company shall, at its own expense, make such changes in said bridges as the Secretary of War may at any time direct in the interest of navigation.

Changes.

Lawful structures and post routes.

SEC. 3. That any bridge built under this Act and subject to its limitations 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 of mails and the troops and munitions of war of the United States over the same than the rate per mile paid for the transportation over the railroad or approaches leading to the said bridge; and it 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 bridges and their approaches for postal telegraph and telephone purposes.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Unobstructed navigation.

SEC. 4. That each of the said bridges shall be constructed with its center line substantially at right angles to the current of the river and