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[H. R. 7065.]
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CHAP. 3608.—An Act To amend section eight hundred and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

United States courts.
Witnesses in civil cases, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight hundred and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Determining competency of.
R. S., sec. 858, p. 162, amended.

"SEC. 858. The competency of a witness to testify in any civil action, suit, or proceeding in the courts of the United States shall be determined by the laws of the State or Territory in which the court is held."

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CHAP. 3609.—An Act To repeal section five, chapter fourteen hundred and eighty-two, Act of March third, nineteen hundred and five.

Cane River, Natchitoches Parish, La.
Vol. 33, p. 1148, repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five of chapter fourteen hundred and eighty-two, Act of March third, nineteen hundred and five, being "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," said section five reading, "SEC. 5. That Cane River, in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, is hereby declared to be not a navigable water of the United States within the meaning of the laws enacted by Congress for the preservation and protection of such waters," be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided*, That this repeal shall not be held to furnish any ground for any claim against the United States by reason of construction of bridges, or preparation for the construction thereof, across said stream, or arising from any action taken in reliance upon the said section five above referred to.

Navigability of.

Proviso.
Nonliability of United States.

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CHAP. 3610.—An Act To authorize the counties of Yazoo and Holmes to construct a bridge across Yazoo River, Mississippi.

Yazoo River, Miss.
Yazoo and Holmes counties may bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Yazoo and Holmes, two of the counties of the State of Mississippi, duly created and organized under and by virtue of the laws of the said State, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, construct, and maintain a bridge, by and through its proper officers, over the Yazoo River, in section thirty-four, township fifteen, range three west, in said counties, State of Mississippi: *Provided*, That the plans and location of the said bridge are approved by the Secretary of War before the construction of the bridge is commenced. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, under such rules and regulations as may be laid down by the proper officers of said counties under the laws of the said State of Mississippi.

Location.

Proviso.
Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.
Wagon and foot bridge.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That the bridge shall be a lawful structure, and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads of the United States, and no charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States. 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 pur-

Telegraph, etc., rights.