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thereto across the Rio Grande River, at Brownsville, in the State of Texas, connecting the city of Brownsville, Texas, with the city of Matamoros, Mexico: *Provided*, That the construction of the said bridge shall not be commenced until the consent of the proper authorities of the Republic of Mexico for the erection of the structure shall have been obtained.

Post, p. 576.

Proviso.
Consent of Mexico required.

That the Yellowstone Valley Steel Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Montana, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at or within one mile west of the east boundary line of Montana, in the State of Montana.

Missouri River, Mont.
Yellowstone Valley Steel Bridge Company may bridge.

Location.

That an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at a point to be selected within five miles north of the Kaw River in Wyandotte County, State of Kansas, and Clay County, State of Missouri, and to make the same a post route," approved December seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, be, and the same is hereby, revived and declared to be in full force and effect, and that section eight of said Act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the first day of May, nineteen hundred and eight."

Missouri River, Kans., and Mo.
Time extended for bridging, by Kansas City Outer Belt and Electric Railroad Company.
Vol. 32, p. 755, amended.

Time of completion.

That the county of Muskegon, in the State of Michigan, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Muskegon River on the line between the counties of Muskegon and Newaygo, in said State of Michigan.

Muskegon River.
Muskegon County Mich., may bridge.

Location.

SEC. 2. That all of the bridges authorized to be constructed by this Act shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.

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SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 20, 1908.

CHAP. 181.—An Act To authorize the drainage of certain lands in the State of Minnesota.

May 20, 1908.
[H. R. 19541.]

[Public, No. 125.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands in the State of Minnesota, when subject to entry, and all entered lands for which no final certificates have issued, are hereby made and declared to be subject to all of the provisions of the laws of said State relating to the drainage of swamp or overflowed lands for agricultural purposes to the same extent and in the same manner in which lands of a like character held in private ownership are or may be subject to said laws: *Provided*, That the United States and all persons legally holding unpatented lands under entries made under the public-land laws of the United States are accorded all the rights, privileges, and benefits given by said laws to persons holding lands of a like character in private ownership.

Public lands.
In Minnesota subject to State drainage laws.

Proviso.
Rights, etc., to be accorded.

SEC. 2. That the cost of constructing canals, ditches, and other drainage works incurred in connection with any drainage project under said laws shall be equitably apportioned among all lands held in private ownership, all lands covered by unpatented entries, and all unentered public lands affected by such project; and officially certified lists showing the amount of the charges assessed against each smallest legal sub-

Apportionment of cost.

Certified lists of assessed charges.

division of such lands shall be furnished to the register and receiver of the land district in which the lands affected are located as soon as said charges are assessed, but nothing in this Act shall be construed as creating any obligation on the United States to pay any of said charges.

United States not liable.

Sale for charges.

SEC. 3. That all charges legally assessed may be enforced against any unentered lands, or against any lands covered by an unpatented entry, by the sale of such lands subject to the same manner and under the same proceedings under which such charges would be enforced against lands held in private ownership.

Certificate of sale to land office.

SEC. 4. That when any unentered lands, or any lands covered by an unpatented entry, have been sold in the manner mentioned in this Act, a statement of such sale showing the price at which each legal subdivision was sold shall be officially certified to the register and receiver immediately after the completion of such sale.

Patents to purchasers on paying Government price.

SEC. 5. That at any time after any sale of unentered lands has been made in the manner and for the purposes mentioned in this Act patent shall issue to the purchaser thereof upon payment to the receiver of the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, or such other price as may have been fixed by law for such lands, together with the usual fees and commissions charged in entry of like lands under the homestead laws. But purchasers at a sale of unentered lands shall have the qualification of homestead entrymen and not more than one hundred and sixty acres of such lands shall be sold to any one purchaser under the provisions of this Act. This limitation shall not apply to sales to the State but shall apply to purchases from the State of unentered lands bid in for the State. Any part of the purchase money arising from the sale of any lands in the manner and for the purposes provided in this Act which shall be in excess of the payments herein required and of the total drainage charges assessed against such lands shall also be paid to the receiver before patent is issued.

Limitations.

Sale to State excepted.

Disposal of excess of charges, etc.

Purchase of unpatented entries.

SEC. 6. That any unpatented lands sold in the manner and for the purposes mentioned in this Act may be patented to the purchaser thereof at any time after the expiration of the period of redemption provided for in the drainage laws under which it may be sold (there having been no redemption) upon the payment to the receiver of the fees and commissions and the price mentioned in the preceding section, or so much thereof as has not already been paid by the entryman; and if the sum received at any such sale shall be in excess of the payments herein required and of the drainage assessments and cost of the sale, such excess shall be paid to the proper county officer for the benefit of and payment to the entryman. That unless the purchasers of unentered lands shall within ninety days after the sale provided for in section three, pay to the proper receiver the fees, commissions and purchase price to which the United States may be entitled as provided in section five, and unless the purchasers of entered lands shall within ninety days after the right of redemption has expired make like payments as provided for in this section, any person having the qualifications of a homestead entryman may pay to the proper receiver for not more than one hundred and sixty acres of land for which such payment has not been made: First, the unpaid fees, commissions and purchase price to which the United States may then be entitled: and, second, the sum at which the land was sold at the sale for drainage charges, and in addition thereto, if bid in by the State, interest on the amount bid by the State at the rate of seven per centum per annum from the date of such sale, and thereupon the person making such payment shall become subrogated to the rights of such purchaser to receive a patent for said land. When any payment is made to effect such subrogation the receiver shall transmit to the treasurer of the county where the land is situated the amount at which the land was sold at the sale for drainage charges together with the interest paid thereon, if any, less

Payment of excess.

Forfeiture if charges, etc., not paid in ninety days.

Rights of subsequent purchaser.

Disposal of proceeds.

any sum in excess of what may be due for such drainage charge, if the land when sold was unentered.

Right of appeal, etc.

SEC. 7. That a copy of all notices required by the drainage laws mentioned in this Act to be given to the owners or occupants of lands held in private ownership shall, as soon as such notices issue, be delivered to the register and receiver of the proper district land office in cases where unentered lands are affected thereby and to the entrymen whose unpatented lands are included therein, and the United States and such entrymen shall be given the same rights to be heard by petition, answer, remonstrance, appeal, or otherwise as are given to persons holding lands in private ownership; and all entrymen shall be given the same rights of redemption as are given to the owners of lands held in private ownership.

Chippewa Indian lands, Minn.

Homestead entries, etc., may be made thereon.

SEC. 8. That hereafter homestead entries and final proofs may be made upon all ceded Chippewa Indian lands in Minnesota embraced in the withdrawal under the Act of June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and six, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department" (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page three hundred and twenty-five), and patents may issue thereon as in other homestead cases, upon the payment by the entryman of the price prescribed by law for such land and on entries on the ceded Red Lake Reservation in addition thereto the sum of three cents per acre to repay the cost of the drainage survey thereof, which addition shall be disposed of the same as the other proceeds of said land.

Vol. 34, p. 352.

Patents, etc.

Approved, May 20, 1908.

CHAP. 182.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to accept and care for gifts presented to vessels of the Navy of the United States.

May 20, 1908.
[S. 5617.]

[Public, No. 126.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to accept and care for such gifts in the form of silver, colors, books, or other articles of equipment or furniture as, in accordance with custom, may be presented to vessels of the Navy by States, municipalities, or otherwise. The necessary expense incident to the care and preservation of gifts of this character which have been or may hereafter be accepted shall be defrayed from the appropriation "equipment of vessels."

Navy.

Care, etc., of gifts presented to vessels of.

Expense.

Approved, May 20, 1908.

CHAP. 183.—An Act Making appropriations for the diplomatic and consular service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine.

May 21, 1908.
[H. R. 20345.]

[Public, No. 127.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, severally appropriated, in full compensation for the diplomatic and consular service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

Diplomatic and consular appropriations.

SCHEDULE A.

Schedule A.

SALARIES OF AMBASSADORS AND MINISTERS.

Salaries.

Ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary, Brazil, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, and Turkey, at seventeen thousand five hundred dollars each, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;

Ambassadors.