

CHAP. CCLVIII.—*An Act to provide for the better protection of the western frontier.*

STATUTE I.

July 2, 1836.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be surveyed and opened, a military road, from some point upon the right bank of the Mississippi river, between the mouth of the St. Peter's and the mouth of the Desmoines river, upon such route as may appear best calculated to effect the purposes of this act, to Red river.

President to cause a military road to be surveyed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said road shall pass west of the State of Missouri and of the Territory of Arkansas, on condition that the assent of the Indian tribes who have not heretofore given their assent, through whose territory said road is to pass, shall be first obtained; and if such assent cannot be obtained, then east of the western boundaries of said State and Territory; and shall be so constructed as to enable troops to move along the same with proper facility. And the following mode of construction shall be adopted, subject to such alterations and additions as the President may, from time to time, direct to be made. The timber shall be cut down to a reasonable width, and the wet and marshy places shall be causewayed or otherwise rendered passable; cheap bridges shall be erected over the smaller streams, not having good fords across them; and, where it may be found necessary, the road may be thrown up in the centre.

To pass west of Missouri and Arkansas, on condition, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the military posts shall be constructed at such places along said road as in the opinion of the President, may be most proper for the protection of the frontier, and for the preservation of the necessary communication.

Military posts to be established.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the troops of the United States shall be employed in performing the labor herein required, whenever, in the opinion of the President, the same can be done with a just regard to their other duties; and the other labor rendered necessary shall be procured in such manner as the President may direct.

Troops of the United States may be employed in the labor, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be applied towards the accomplishment of the objects specified by this act.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, July 2, 1836.

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[Obsolete.]

CHAP. CCLIX.—*An Act making additional appropriations for the Delaware breakwater, and for certain harbors, and removing obstructions in and at the mouths of certain rivers, and for other purposes, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.*

*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 the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying on and completing certain works heretofore commenced, viz:

For continuing the Delaware breakwater, one hundred thousand dollars.

Delaware breakwater.

For continuing the improvement of the harbor of Chicago, Illinois, thirty-two thousand dollars.

For Chicago, Illinois.

For continuing the improvement of Big Sodus bay, twelve thousand six hundred dollars.

Big Sodus bay.

For the continuation of the works for the preservation of the beach at Provincetown harbor, Massachusetts, four thousand four hundred dollars.

Province-town, Mass.

For the continuation of the works for the preservation of Plymouth beach, Massachusetts, five hundred dollars.

Plymouth beach.