

CHAP. CLXXXI. — *An Act concerning the Tax Commissioners for the State of Arkansas.* July 20, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the acts and proceedings which have been had or performed by any two of the tax commissioners, in and for the State of Arkansas, shall have the same force and effect as if had and performed by all three of said commissioners.

Certain proceedings of tax commissioners of Arkansas ratified.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CLXXXII. — *An Act amendatory of an Act approved July twenty-six [five], eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An Act to authorize the Construction of certain Bridges, and to establish them as Post-Roads."* July 20, 1868. 1866, ch. 246. Vol. xiv. p. 244.

WHEREAS the St. Louis and Illinois Bridge Company, organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, and the Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company, organized under an act of the general assembly of the State of Illinois, have been consolidated, in pursuance of the authority granted to the said Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company, in their act of incorporation, and the authority granted to the St. Louis and Illinois Bridge Company, by an act of the general assembly of the State of Missouri, approved March nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight: Therefore,

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the company formed by this consolidation, under the name and style of the Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company, is hereby recognized and declared to be a corporation by that name, with full power and authority to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River opposite the city of St. Louis, in conformity to the act of which this act is amendatory, with all the rights, privileges, and powers granted and conferred by the several acts of the general assemblies of the States of Illinois and Missouri to the respective companies by the consolidation of which the said Illinois and St. Louis Bridge Company was formed, and not inconsistent with the provisions of the act to which this act is amendatory: *And provided further,* That in constructing said bridge there shall be one span of at least five hundred feet clear between piers.

Illinois & St. Louis Bridge Co. may build bridge across the Mississippi, opposite St. Louis;

rights and privileges;

spans.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation may execute a mortgage and issue bonds payable, principal and interest, in gold, and their bridge across the Mississippi River and approaches thereto, when constructed, shall be a post-road to carry the mails of the United States, and enjoy the rights and privileges of other post-roads.

Corporation may execute mortgage and issue bonds. Bridge to be a post-road.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation may hold their meetings: in either the State of Illinois or the State of Missouri, as the board of directors may elect, and the directors may be citizens of any of the United States; and said corporation may sue and be sued in any circuit court of the United States: *Provided,* That nothing in this act or in any previous legislation affecting the premises shall be so construed as to deprive the legislatures of the States of Illinois and Missouri of the right to regulate the tolls and fares which may be charged by said company for the use of such bridge: *Provided further,* That the tolls now fixed by the legislatures of Illinois and Missouri shall not be increased.

Meetings of corporation.

Directors. Suits by and against corporation.

Tolls and fares.

APPROVED, July 20, 1868.

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act providing for the Sale of a Portion of the Fort Gratiot military Reservation in St. Clair County, in the State of Michigan.* July 20, 1868.

*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 to sell, at such times as he may deem most advantageous to the interests of the government, and in such man-

Fort Gratiot military reservation may be sold.