

June 2, 1900.

CHAP. 614.—An Act To amend section forty-four hundred and fourteen, title fifty-two, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Toledo, Ohio.
Board of local inspectors of steam vessels authorized at R. S., sec. 4414, p. 855 amended.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and fourteen, title fifty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Acts of Congress approved March first and second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be amended by inserting therein the words "Toledo, Ohio." after the words "Mobile, Alabama."

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CHAP. 615.—An Act Requiring the disbursing clerk of the Census Office to file an additional bond, and for other purposes.

Census Office.
Disbursing clerk,
additional bond required of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of the Census be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to require the disbursing clerk of the Census Office to give bond to the Secretary of the Treasury, in addition to that now required by law, in the penal sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which bond shall conform to the requirements of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for taking the Twelfth and subsequent censuses," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, in relation to the bond to be filed by the disbursing clerk of the Census Office: *Provided,* That the Director of the Census may dispense with such additional bond after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

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SEC. 2. That the salary of the disbursing clerk of the Census Office is hereby increased for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, in the sum of five hundred dollars, so that for the year commencing July first, nineteen hundred, and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, the salary of said officer shall be three thousand dollars.

Proviso.
—limit continuance of.

—salary increased.

SEC. 3. That, in the absence of the Director and Assistant Director, the chief clerk shall serve as Acting Director.

When chief clerk to be Acting Director.

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June 4, 1900.

CHAP. 619.—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Red River of the North.

Cooper Pontoon Bridge Company may bridge Red River of the North.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Cooper Pontoon Bridge Company, of Walsh County, State of North Dakota, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Dakota, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a pontoon bridge and approaches thereto across the Red River of the North between the State of Minnesota and the State of North Dakota, extending from a point on said river where the section line running east and west between sections eight and seventeen, township one hundred and fifty-seven north, of range fifty west, in Marshall County, State of Minnesota, intersects said river, to a point opposite in the State of North Dakota. Said bridge shall be constructed so as to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, animals, and foot passengers, and for road travel, for such reasonable rates of toll and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said corporation and approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Location.

Toll.

To be lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. 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 also no higher charge shall be made for the

transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for transportation over railroads or public highways leading to the said bridge; and it shall enjoy the rights and privileges of other post roads in the United States, and the United States shall have the right of way across said bridge and its approaches for postal-telegraph purposes. And equal rights as to constructing and maintaining their lines over said bridge shall be granted to all telephone and telegraph companies desiring to use the same.

Telegraph, etc., companies.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be constructed as a pontoon drawspan bridge, and shall contain a pontoon drawspan of such dimensions as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, which said drawspan shall be maintained on the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point; and the piers shall be parallel with, and the bridge itself at right angles to, the current of the river: *Provided*, That said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passage of boats and rafts; and said corporation shall maintain at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe. No bridge shall be constructed or maintained under the authority of this Act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said river; and if any bridge erected under said authority shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of said bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction, and all such alterations shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the said corporation; and in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said river, caused or alleged to be caused by said bridge, suit may be brought in any circuit court of the United States for the circuit in which said bridge or any part thereof is located to remove or remedy the same: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of the navigation of rivers, or to exempt this bridge from the operations of the same.

Draw.

Proviso.
—opening of.

Lights.

Bridge not to obstruct navigation.

Litigation.

Existing law unaffected.

SEC. 4. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the said bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the current at all stages, with the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until such plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge, during the progress of construction or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

—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 bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of the approval of this Act.

Commencement and completion.