

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is authorized to issue at his discretion, and under proper regulations to be prescribed by him, out of ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the Government, and which can be spared for that purpose, upon the approval of the governors of the respective States, such number of the same as may be required for military instruction and practice by such school, and the Secretary shall require a bond in each case, for double the value of the property, for the care and safe-keeping thereof and for the return of the same when required.

Use of ordnance,  
etc., for instruction  
authorized.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effect.

Approved, February 26, 1901.

**CHAP. 608.**—An Act To authorize the Carolina Northern Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across the Lumber River in or near the town of Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina.

February 26, 1901.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Carolina Northern Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under an act of the general assembly of North Carolina, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railroad bridge for the passage of railway engines and cars across the Lumber River at such point as may be selected by such company and approved by the Secretary of War within the boundary lines of Robeson County, North Carolina, in or near the town of Lumberton: *Provided*, That said bridge shall not be constructed within one mile of any other bridge across said stream; said bridge to be so constructed as not to obstruct the navigation of said river and to be provided with a suitable draw: *Provided further*, That any bridge constructed under this Act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure and shall be known and recognized as a post route, and the same is hereby declared to be a post route, upon which, also, no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops and 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 the United States shall have the right of way for a postal telegraph across said bridge.

Carolina Northern  
Railroad may bridge  
Lumber River at Lum-  
berton, N. C.

*Proviso.*  
Draw, etc.

Lawful structure  
and post route.

Postal telegraph.

SEC. 2. That the bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the proposed bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one-fourth of a mile above and one-fourth of a mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river, the shore lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, 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.

Secretary of War to  
approve plans.

Changes

*Proviso.*  
Existing law unim-  
paired.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of said river

Amendment.  
Alterations.

shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge, at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment.

Draw.  
  
Lights.  
Commencement and completion.

SEC. 4. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, for the passing of boats, 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; and if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year from the passage of this Act and be completed within three years from same date the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

Approved, February 26, 1901.

February 27, 1901.

**CHAP. 613.**—An Act Amending an Act entitled “An Act authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi River to the city of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, from some suitable point between the north line of Saint Clair County, Illinois, and the southwest line of said county,” approved March third, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Bridge of East St. Louis and St. Louis Bridge and Construction Company over Mississippi River, St. Louis, Mo.  
Vol. 29, p. 685, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section one of said Act be amended to read as follows: “That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the East Saint Louis and Saint Louis Bridge and Construction Company, of the city of East Saint Louis, of the county of Saint Clair and State of Illinois, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its assigns, successors, grantees, mortgagees, representatives, and successors in interest, to build, own, operate, and maintain a bridge and approaches thereto, as hereinafter described, across the Mississippi River, from some point between the north line of Saint Clair County, Illinois, and the southwest line of said county to the city of Saint Louis, State of Missouri: *Provided*, That the plan of said bridge be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided also*, That said proposed bridge shall be constructed for the purpose of providing for the passage of wagons, vehicles, street cars, animals, and foot passengers, and shall, at the option of the said East Saint Louis and Saint Louis Bridge and Construction Company, be so constructed of sufficient strength and dimensions as to provide for the passage over it of railway, passenger, and freight trains and the accommodation of a track or tracks therefor, but in either event the piers of said bridge shall be built of sufficient strength to admit of the passage of railway, freight, and passenger trains over it, and said bridge shall be deemed and taken as a public highway for the purposes named only, subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth: *Provided also*, That street and other railway companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of cars over the same and over the approaches thereto, and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the railway companies, or any of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in question.”

*Provisos.*  
Secretary of War to approve plans.  
Transit, etc.

Use by street railways.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 2. That section two of said Act be amended so as to read as follows: “That any bridge built under this Act shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized and known as a post route; that no charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, troops,