

Island and having no further present interest in the acquisition of lands on said island, the conditions and options to repurchase reserved to the United States by that certain deed dated, to wit, September 18, 1911, executed by the Assistant Secretary of War conveying certain lands to said Dauphin Island Railway and Harbor Company under authority of the Act approved March 4, 1911, are hereby waived and discharged.

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Amendment.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 25, 1927.

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[S. 5588.]

[Public, No. 649.]

**CHAP. 201.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Big Sandy and Cumberland Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River at Devon, Mingo County, West Virginia.

Tug Fork of Big Sandy River.  
Big Sandy and Cumberland Railroad Company may bridge, at Devon, W. Va.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Big Sandy and Cumberland Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia and authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, and operate railways in Kentucky, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at Devon, Mingo County, West Virginia, where the said Tug Fork forms the boundary line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, in accordance with the provisions of the Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters, approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.  
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Right to sell, etc., granted.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Big Sandy and Cumberland Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Amendment.

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

Approved, February 25, 1927.

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[S. 4933.]

[Public, No. 650.]

**CHAP. 202.**—An Act Authorizing an appropriation for public highways in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Virgin Islands.  
Amount authorized for public highways in.

Contracts required of owners of adjoining lands to sell to actual settlers.

Price, conditions, etc. in contracts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to construct, reconstruct, and maintain public highways in the Virgin Islands of the United States. No moneys appropriated under the authorization contained in this Act shall be expended for construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of any highway until suitable contracts have been made by all the owners of lands adjoining such highway with the Secretary of Agriculture, whereby such owners agree that they will sell at least one-half of such lands to actual settlers. Each such contract with the Secretary of Agriculture shall fix the price and conditions of sale of such lands to actual settlers, and shall contain a provision



that in case of breach of any of the terms thereof after funds have been expended for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of highways the owner shall be liable in the full amount of funds expended in respect of highways bordering his lands, as liquidated damages.

SEC. 2. Upon proof that any such owner refused to sell any part of such lands in accordance with the terms of any such contract, or upon proof of fraudulent representation as to the true consideration involved in any such sale, or as to the conditions of any such sale, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, in his discretion, to withhold expenditure of funds for the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of highways bordering the lands involved in such sale.

If owner refuses to sell, etc., expenditure for highway bordering his lands may be withheld.

Approved, February 25, 1927.

**CHAP. 203.**—An Act Authorizing an appropriation of \$8,600,000 for the purchase of seed grain, feed, and fertilizer to be supplied to farmers in the crop-failure areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

February 25, 1927.  
[S. 5082.]  
[Public, No. 651.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, for the crop of 1927, to make advances or loans to farmers in the drought and storm-stricken areas, comprising what are known as the northwestern States and cotton States of the United States where he shall find that special need for such assistance exists for the purchase of wheat, oats, corn, barley, and flaxseed, legume seed, for seed purposes, for nursery stock, of feed and fertilizer and, when necessary, to procure such seed, feed, and fertilizers and sell same to such farmers. Such advances, loans, or sales shall be made upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe, including an agreement by each farmer to use the seed and fertilizer thus obtained by him for crop production. A first lien on the crop to be produced from seed and fertilizer obtained through a loan, advance, or sale made under this section shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be deemed sufficient security therefor. The total amount of such advances, loans, or sales to any one farmer shall not exceed the sum of \$300. All such advances or loans shall be made through such agencies as the Secretary of Agriculture shall designate. For carrying out the purposes of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$8,600,000, to be immediately available: *Provided*, That of said amount not more than \$2,500,000 shall be used for loans, advances, or sales for fertilizer in drought-stricken areas, in the cotton States of Georgia, and South Carolina, and western Alabama, and not more than \$600,000 shall be used for loans, advances, or sales for fertilizer or fertilizer material or nursery and sugar cane stock in storm-stricken areas in Florida and Louisiana: *Provided*, That not less than \$5,000,000 of this fund shall be available in the States of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Montana.

Seed grain, feed, and fertilizer for crop failure areas.

Loans to farmers for purchases of, etc.

Terms and conditions.

Loan to be a lien on first crop produced.

Limit of loans.

Amount authorized.

*Provisos.*  
Allotments for fertilizers in cotton areas.

Fertilizers in Florida and Louisiana.

Apportionment to South and North Dakotas, and Montana.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall knowingly make any false representation for the purpose of obtaining an advance, loan, or sale under this Act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Punishment for making false statements to obtain loans, etc.

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