

ACTS OF THE TWELFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of November, 1811, and ended on the sixth day of July, 1812.

JAMES MADISON, President; GEORGE CLINTON, Vice President, of the United States and President of the Senate; WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, President of the Senate pro tempore, from the 26th of March, 1812; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage.*

Nov. 18, 1811.

[Obsolete.]

Documents may be sent free of postage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the members of Congress, the secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby respectively authorized to transmit, free of postage, the several messages of the President of the United States of the fifth and seventh days of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States and territories thereof, to which they may direct, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 18, 1811.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to alter the time of holding one of the terms of the District Court in the district of Maine.*

Nov. 28, 1811.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passing of this act, the district court of the United States for the district of Maine, shall be holden at Wiscasset, within said district, on the second Tuesday of September, annually, instead of the first Tuesday of said month, any thing, in any former act, to the contrary notwithstanding. (a)

APPROVED, November 28, 1811.

District court to be held at Wiscasset, on the second Tuesday of September annually.

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CHAP. III.—*An Act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library.*

Dec. 6, 1811.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the

[Obsolete.]

(a) By the act of March 3, 1813, chap. 60, the time for holding the sessions of the district court at Wiscasset, was changed from the first Tuesday of March, to the last Tuesday of February.

By the act of April 3, 1812, chap. 9, the district court of Maine, before holden on the last day of May in each year, shall be holden at the same place on the first Tuesday of June in each year.

Post roads established.

North Carolina.—From Charlotte, by Beattysford, Lincolnton and Morgan, to Wilkesboro', and to pass by Mountmorin once in every two routes. From Staatsville to Salisbury. The mail from Fayetteville to Salisbury, shall go by Rockingham, Wardesboro', Allentown and Henderson, to Salisbury, and return by M'Cauley's store, to Fayetteville.

South Carolina.—From Charleston, by Giveham's ferry, on Edisto river; and from thence to Barnwell Courthouse, and by the White Ponds, to Edgefield Courthouse. From Wellington to Beckley's store, being an alteration of the present route past Vienna. From Cooswhatchie, by Lower Three Runs, to Augusta in Georgia. From Darlington Courthouse to Sumpter Courthouse, by Carter's crossing.

Georgia.—From Savannah to Louisville. From Milledgeville, by Twigs Courthouse, to Pulaski Courthouse. From Augusta to Campbelltown. From Louisville to Saundersville.

Mississippi Territory.—From Fort Stoddert, by Amite Courthouse, to Pinckneyville. From Natchez, by Wilkinson Courthouse, to Lake Ponchartrain.

Indiana Territory.—From Laurenceburg, by Madison and Charlestown, to Jeffersonville. From Laurenceburg, by Franklin Courthouse, to Wayne Courthouse.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General cause a survey to be made of the main post road from Robinstown, in the district of Maine, to St. Mary's, in Georgia, causing the courses, distances, and all remarkable objects, to be noted, the latitude to be taken every noon and evening, and the variation of the compass every evening, when the weather is fair: and that there be not less than one surveyor, two chain carriers, and two men with object staves, employed in making the same survey, who shall be sworn to execute the work: *Provided,* that the same can be done at an expense not exceeding two dollars per mile; and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to procure proper instruments for the purpose: *Provided,* that the expense do not exceed three hundred dollars, and the expense both of the surveys and instruments be paid out of the monies, which may be in his hands for postage.

APPROVED, May 11, 1812.

STATUTE I.

May 14, 1812.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act for the better regulation of the Ordnance.*(a)

Of what officers the department to be formed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is established an ordnance department, to consist of a commissary general of ordnance, an assistant commissary general, four deputy commissaries, and as many assistant deputy commissaries as the President of the United States may think necessary, not exceeding eight.

Repealed by act of February 8, 1815, ch. 128.

Commissary general may employ workmen.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissary general be authorized, from time to time, to employ as many wheelwrights, carriage-makers, blacksmiths and labourers, as the public service may in his judgment require.

Act of August 2, 1813, ch. 36.

(a) Acts for the regulation of the Ordnance Department:—

An act for the better regulation of the ordnance, May 14, 1812, chap. 83.

Act of August 2, 1813, chap. 49.

An act for the better organizing, paying, and supplying the army of the United States, March 30, 1814, chap. 37, sec. 16.

An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department, February 8, 1815, chap. 38.

An act for organizing the general staff, and making further provision for the army of the United States, April 24, 1816, chap. 69, sec. 11.

An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States, March 2, 1821, chap. 12, sec. 4.

An act providing for the organization of the ordnance department, April 5, 1832, chap. 67.

An act to increase the present military establishment of the United States, and for other purposes, July 5, 1838, chap. 16, sec. 13, 14.

An act respecting the organization of the army, and for other purposes, August 23, 1842, ch. 186, sec. 5.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissary general of ordnance shall be entitled to the rank, pay and emoluments of a colonel of infantry, and be further allowed at the rate of five hundred dollars per year, and four rations per day for clerks in his department: the assistant commissary general of ordnance shall be entitled to the rank, pay and emoluments of major of infantry, with three additional rations per day; the deputy commissaries of ordnance shall be entitled to the rank, pay and emoluments of a captain of infantry, with two additional rations per day and forage for one horse; the assistant deputies shall have the rank, pay and emoluments of a second lieutenant of infantry, with one additional ration per day.

Rank and pay of commissary general, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That a master wheelwright and carriage-maker, and a master blacksmith, be allowed thirty dollars each, per month, and one ration and one half of a ration per day; that any other wheelwrights, carriage-makers and blacksmiths, be allowed each sixteen dollars per month, and one ration and one half of a ration per day; that the labourers each be allowed nine dollars per month, and one ration per day.

Pay of the workmen.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissary general of ordnance to direct the inspection and proving of all pieces of ordnance, cannon balls, shells and shot, procured for the use of the army of the United States; and to direct the construction of all carriages, and every apparatus for ordnance, for garrison and field service, and all ammunition wagons, pontoons and travelling forges; also the direction of the laboratories, the inspection and proving the public powder, and the preparing all kinds of ammunition for garrison and field service; and shall, half yearly, examine all ordnance, carriages, ammunition and apparatus, in the respective fortresses, magazines and arsenals, and cause the same to be preserved and kept in good order.

Duties of commissary general of ordnance.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissary general of ordnance shall execute all orders issued by the Secretary for the department of War, in conveying all ordnance, ammunition and apparatus, to the respective armies, garrisons, magazines and arsenals; and in time of war he shall execute all orders of any general officer, commanding in any army or garrison, for the supply of ordnance, ammunition, carriages, pontoons, forges, furnaces or apparatus, for garrison, field or siege service, and forward the same without delay and in good condition.

To execute such orders as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissary general of ordnance shall, half yearly, transmit to the department of war a correct return of all ordnance, ammunition, military stores and effects, in the respective garrisons, arsenals, magazines, posts and camps, with a statement of their order, quality and condition; and also what may be necessary to keep up an ample supply of each and every article in the ordnance department, and shall, in all things, faithfully and without delay, execute the orders of the Secretary for the department of War touching the same.

Commissary general of ordnance to make returns to the department of war.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendents of military stores, keepers of magazines and arsenals, shall, half yearly, make correct returns to the commissary general of ordnance, of all military stores that they respectively have in charge; and that the assistant commissary general of ordnance, the deputy commissaries and assistant deputies shall faithfully, and without delay, execute all orders that shall be issued by the Secretary for the department of War, the commanding general, in time of war, of any corps, camp or garrison, or of the commissary general of ordnance, in their respective departments, by virtue of this act.

Superintendents of military stores to make returns to the commissary general, &c. &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissary general of ordnance shall make a correct report of the artificers and labourers,

Commissary to make a correct

report of artificers, &c. &c.

from time to time, employed by him, and transmit the same to the adjutant general.

Appropriation.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That for defraying the expense that may be incurred in the execution of this act, the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 14, 1812.

STATUTE I.

May 14, 1812.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act to enlarge the boundaries of the Mississippi territory.*

Act of April 7, 1798, ch. 28. vol. i. 549.

Boundaries of the Mississippi territory enlarged.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of territory lying east of Pearl river, west of the Perdido, and south of the thirty-first degree of latitude, be, and the same is hereby annexed to the Mississippi territory; to be governed by the laws now in force therein, or which may hereafter be enacted, and the laws and ordinances of the United States, relative thereto, in like manner as if the same had originally formed a part of said territory; and until otherwise provided by law, the inhabitants of the said district hereby annexed to the Mississippi territory, shall be entitled to one representative in the general assembly thereof.

APPROVED, May 14, 1812.

STATUTE I.

May 16, 1812.

CHAP. LXXXV.—*An Act making additional appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.*

[Obsolete.]

Specific appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the sums appropriated by the act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, the following sums be, and same are hereby respectively appropriated, that is to say:

For defraying the expenses of printing the subscription certificates, and issuing the same to the subscribers to the loan of eleven millions of dollars, authorized by the act of Congress passed on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, including cost of paper and other expenses incident to the receiving of the subscriptions; also for cost of paper and printing of the certificates of funded six per cent. stock to be issued for the amount of the said loan, and other expenses attending the funding of the same, five thousand dollars.

For the expenses of making a digest of the manufactures of the United States, under the joint resolution of both houses of Congress, passed at the present session, two thousand dollars.

For compensation to the marshals and assistant marshals for taking an account of the manufactures of the United States, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for that purpose, forty thousand dollars.

For the expense of firewood, stationery, printing and other contingent expenses of the two houses of Congress, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for that purpose, eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

“For paying Aaron Greely, assistant surveyor in the district of Detroit for surveying private claims in the Michigan territory, pursuant to an act of Congress, passed the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, five thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars and ninety-three cents.”

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums thus appropriated shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 16, 1812.

1812, ch. 65.