

the Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company, upon such terms and conditions as he may think proper, to insure the prompt completion and connection of said roads, in the manner he may think best calculated to promote the public interest.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That to enable the President to accomplish the object herein contemplated, the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars in the bonds of the Confederate States, is hereby appropriated to be issued and applied by the order of the President at such times and in such sums as he may deem proper, and that the President be directed to take a mortgage on said road and its appurtenances for the ultimate repayment of the money so expended in aid of its erection.

Appropriation.

Mortgage on the road.

APPROVED April 19, 1862.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act to repeal certain laws therein named and to declare others in full force, in relation to conveyance of mailable matter outside of the mail.*

April 19, 1862.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That so much of the existing enactments of the Confederate States, as relates to the conveyance or transportation of letters or packages of letters or of mailable matter of any kind by express or other companies of any kind, their agents or employees, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the laws of the United States adopted by an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An Act to continue in force certain laws of the United States of America," on the ninth day of February, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-one, relating to the conveyance or transportation of letters, packets, or packages of letters or other mailable matter by express or other companies, their agents or employees, be and the same are hereby declared to be in full force: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to declare any portion of said laws of the United States, adopted as aforesaid, not inconsistent with the acts of the said Provisional Government was by said last named acts in any wise abrogated or repealed: *Provided, further*, That frauds upon the revenue of the Post Office Department and offences against and violations of the laws hereby repealed may be proceeded against and punished under the laws existing at the time of the commission of such fraud, offence or violation, and this act shall not be construed to have a retroactive operation so as to repeat or abrogate any law as to such frauds, offences or violations heretofore committed, but shall have a prospective operation only: *Provided, also*, That this act shall take effect from and after the first of June, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-two.

Certain laws repealed and others declared in force, relating to the conveyance of mailable matter by express or other companies.

1861, Feb. 9.

Proviso.

Frauds upon the revenue of the P. O. Department, how punished.

How this act to be construed.

When to take effect.

APPROVED April 19, 1862.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act regulating the fees of Marshals and for other purposes.*

April 19, 1862.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That all laws now in force prescribing the fees of Marshals of the Confederate States be, and the same are hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof the said Marshals shall be allowed to have and charge the fees following, to wit:

Marshals' fees.

For service of any warrant, attachment, summons, *capias* or other writ (except execution, *venire* or summons, or *subpœna* for a witness,) two dollars for each person on whom such service may be made: