

and 45 years, placed in the military service.

Also, all persons who now are or may hereafter become 18 years of age.

Where all are not required, who to be first called out.

Disposition made of persons called into the military service.

President may suspend the execution of this act and the act of April 16, 1862, in certain localities, and during such suspension, may receive troops therefrom.

the war should have been sooner ended, all white men, who are residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five years, at the time the call or calls may be made, and who are not, at such time or times, legally exempted from military service, or such part thereof as, in his judgment, may be necessary to the public defence, such call or calls to be made under the provisions and according to the terms of the act to which this is an amendment; and such authority shall exist in the President during the present war, as to all persons who now are or may hereafter become eighteen years of age, and when once enrolled, all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five shall serve their full time: *Provided*, That if the President, in calling out troops into the service of the Confederate States, shall first call for only a part of the persons between the ages hereinbefore stated, he shall call for those between the ages of thirty-five and any other age less than forty-five: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be understood as repealing or modifying any part of the act to which this is amendatory, except as herein expressly stated: *And Provided, further*, That those called out under this act, and the act to which this is an amendment, shall be first and immediately ordered to fill to their maximum number the companies, battalions, squadrons and regiments from the respective States at the time the act to further provide for the public defence, approved sixteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, was passed, and the surplus, if any, shall be assigned to organizations formed from each State since the passage of that act, or placed in new organizations to be officered by the State having such residue, according to the laws thereof, or disposed of as now provided by law: *Provided*, That the President is authorized to suspend the execution of this act, or the act to which this is an amendment, in any locality where he may find it impracticable to execute the same, and that in such locality, and during said suspension, the President is authorized to receive troops into the Confederate service, under any of the acts passed by the Confederate Congress prior to the passage of the act to provide further for the public defence, approved sixteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

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CHAP. XVI.—*An Act to provide for the payment of sums ascertained to be due for postal service to citizens of the Confederate States by the Postmaster General.*

Postmaster General to pay the amount found due to persons for certain postal service rendered under contracts or appointments made by the U. S. Government.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the Postmaster-General of the Confederate States do proceed to pay to the several persons, or their lawfully authorized agents or representatives, the sums respectively found due and owing to them for postal service rendered in any of the States of this Confederacy, under contracts or appointments made by the United States Government, before the Confederate States Government took charge of such service, as the said sums have been audited and ascertained by him under the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to collect for distribution the moneys remaining in the several post-offices of the Confederate States at the time the postal service was taken in charge by said Government," approved the thirtieth August, eighteen hundred and sixty-one; but the sums authorized by this Act to be paid are only the balances found due after all proper deductions shall have been made on account of previous payments made by the United States, or any of the States, or of available provisions made in whole or in

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part for such payment by said Government, or of any of the States, and after making all proper deductions for failures or partial failures to perform the service according to their several contracts or appointments during the time for which they claim pay: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall only extend to loyal citizens of the Confederate States.

*Provided.*

APPROVED Sept. 27, 1862.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the army in hospitals.*

Sept. 27, 1862.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the commutation value of rations of sick and disabled soldiers, in the hospitals of the Confederate States, is hereby fixed at one dollar, instead of the commutation now allowed by law, which shall constitute the hospital fund, and be held by the commissary, and be paid over by him, from time to time, to the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon in charge of the hospital of which the soldier, whose ration was commuted, is an inmate, upon the said Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon's requisition, made in writing, when necessary to purchase supplies for said hospital: *Provided*, however, when said fund for any one hospital shall increase over and above the monthly expenditures of the same to an amount exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars, the said commissary shall be required to deposit the said excess over and above the said five thousand dollars, in the Treasury of the Confederate States, or such other place of deposit where Government moneys are ordered to be kept; which said deposits, when so made, shall be passed to the credit of the said Confederate States, and be liable to draft as other public moneys are; and all such funds shall be accounted for by the said commissary in his monthly report and abstract as now required by law: And provided further, That all such Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons who shall receive from the said commissary any part of said hospital fund, to be expended for the use of hospitals, shall be held liable for a faithful application of it, and in a weekly account and abstract, to be made out and forwarded to the office of the Surgeon-General, to be verified in every instance by vouchers, shall show what disposition has been made of it, which account, abstract, and accompanying vouchers, shall be placed on file.

Commutation value fixed, of rations of soldiers in the hospitals.

Hospital fund; of what constituted, by whom held, and how disposed of or appropriated.

*Provided.*

Commissary to account for funds.

Likewise Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons.

Account to be verified by vouchers.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to make a contract with the several railroad companies and lines of boats, for the speediest practicable transportation of all supplies purchased for the use of hospitals by agents accredited by the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon in charge for that purpose, or donations by individuals, societies, or States; and it shall be lawful for the Quartermaster-General to furnish general transportation tickets to such agents upon all railroad trains and canal boats, when engaged in the actual service of said hospitals upon the request of the said Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon.

Transportation of supplies for hospitals by railroads & boats.

SEC. 3. That there shall be allowed to each hospital of the Confederate States, suits of clothing, consisting of shirts, pantaloons and drawers, equal to the number of beds in the same, for the use of the sick while in the hospitals, when so ordered by the Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon in charge, which said clothing shall be drawn upon the written requisition of said Surgeon or Assistant Surgeon, and shall be received

Clothing allowed each hospital.