

CHAP. XX.—*An Act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States, and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service.*

April 14, 1863.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* the contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty in the armies of the Confederate States, from and after the passage of this act, during the time they are such contractors: *Provided*, That no more than one contractor shall be exempt on any one route, and that no more than one member of any firm of contractors shall be exempt, and no contractor on any route of less than ten miles in length and on which the mail is carried under this act; and if one or more members of any such firm be exempt, from age or other cause, from the performance of military duty, the other member or members of such firm shall not be exempt by this act, on account of being mail contractors: *And, provided further*, That no person to whom a contract for carrying the mails may be transferred, with the consent of the Post-Office Department, after the passage of this act, shall be exempt from military service on that account.

Contractors for carrying the mails exempted from military duty.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

SEC. 2. That the drivers of post coaches and hacks for carrying the mails, on all routes where the weight of the mails requires that they should be carried in coaches or hacks, shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States, from and after the passage of this act, so long as they continue to be employed as such drivers: *Provided*, The contractor by whom any such driver is employed, shall take and subscribe an oath, to be furnished to the enrolling officer, that the weight of the mails on his route requires the use of coaches or hacks for their conveyance, and that he has not a greater number of drivers employed in his service than are indispensable to enable him to fulfil his contract for carrying the mails, and that he will not, while a contractor, employ a greater number of drivers than may be indispensably necessary for that purpose, and that he will give notice to the enrolling officer when any such driver ceases to be in his employment.

Drivers of post coaches and hacks for carrying the mails, likewise exempted from military service.

Proviso.

APPROVED April 14, 1863.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany railroad company*

April 16, 1863.

WHEREAS, The Brunswick and Albany railroad, in the State of Georgia, has been run and used as a military necessity, from the month of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the present time, and no charge for the use of the said road has been made by the proprietors thereof, against the government: Therefore, to preserve the said railroad from being broken up or destroyed,

Preamble.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* the stock and bonds of the Brunswick and Albany railroad company, returned, or which may be returned to the receiver at Savannah, as property of alien enemies, and sequestered, or which may be sequestered by decree of the proper courts, shall not be sold at public auction, nor otherwise disposed of during the continuance of the war, but shall, after the ratification of peace between the Confederate States and the United States, be appraised in the following manner: One appraiser shall be appointed by the judge of the district court of the Confederate States for the district of Georgia; another shall be appointed by the board of directors of said company; and these two shall appoint a third, and their appraisement shall be made under oath and in writing, and filed with the clerk of the said district court. When the said ap-

Provision for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany railroad company.