

No. 116. An Act authorizing an agent to be sent abroad to purchase vessels and arms and making an appropriation therefor.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That to enable the Navy Department to send an agent abroad to purchase six steam propellers in addition to those heretofore authorized, together with rifled cannon, small arms, and other ordnance stores and munitions of war, the sum of one million of dollars is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury of the Confederate States.

Approved, May 10, 1861.

[Text from *Journal*, I, 207-208.]

No. 117. An Act to authorize the purchase or construction of certain vessels of war.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to cause to be purchased, if possible, otherwise to be constructed, with the least possible delay, in France or England, one or two war steamers of the most modern and improved description, with a powerful armament and fully equipped for service.

Sec. 2. *The Congress do further enact*, That the sum of two millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to carry the foregoing section into effect.

Approved, May 10, 1861.

[Text from *Journal*, I, 208.]

No. 157. An Act for the protection of certain Indian tribes.

[*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That] . . .

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Confederate States do hereby assume the duty and obligation of collecting and paying over as trustees to the several Indian tribes now located in the Indian Territory south of Kansas, all sums of money accruing, whether from interest or capital of the bonds of the several States of this Confederacy now held by the Gov-

ernment of the United States as trustees for said Indians or any of them; and the said interest and capital as collected shall be paid over to said Indians or invested for their account, as the case may be, in accordance with the several treaties and contracts now existing between said Indians and the Government of the United States.

Sec. 7. That the several States of this Confederacy be requested to provide by legislation or otherwise that the capital and interest of the bonds issued by them respectively, and held by the Government of the United States in trust for said Indians, or any of them, shall not be paid to said Government of the United States, but shall be paid to this Government in trust for said Indians.

Sec. 8. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to obtain and publish, at as early a period as practicable, a list of all the bonds of the several States of this Confederacy now held in trust by the Government of the United States as aforesaid, and to give notice in said publication that the capital and interest of said bonds are to be paid to this Government and to no other holder thereof whatever.

Approved, May 21, 1861.

[On the margin of the "Register" opposite the title of this act is written the word "Missing." Whether the notation was made by the clerk or by some later searcher is not clear; but no manuscript or printed copy of the entire act or of the original bill has been found. The last three sections here published were recorded as an amendment in the *Journal*, I, 244.]

No. 274. An Act to aid the people of Kentucky in repelling an invasion or occupation of their soil by the armed forces of the United States.

*Whereas* the Government of the United States is threatening by an armed occupation of the territory of Kentucky to violate the position of neutrality between the belligerents which the people of that State have sought to hold;

And *whereas* it may become the duty of the Confederate States to aid the people of Kentucky in repelling an invasion or occupation of their soil by the armed forces of the United States: Now, therefore,