

construction of amount having been contributed by the ladies of South Carolina for this iron-clad vessels, object, and paid into the Treasury. at Charleston.

APPROVED May 19, 1864.

May 23, 1864. CHAP. III.—*An Act to provide passports for Senators and Representatives in Congress when travelling in the Confederate States.*

Passports to be furnished to Senators and Representatives in Congress, and officers of each House. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State of the Confederate States to furnish, without application, each Senator and Representative in Congress, delegate and officer of each House, with a certificate under seal, setting forth the official character of such Senator or Representative, delegate or officer; and such certificate, when exhibited, shall entitle the person to whom it is issued to travel without other evidence, of any kind, in all parts of the Confederate States, except that it shall not entitle him to visit an army or vessel of war against the orders of the commanding officer thereof.*

APPROVED May 23, 1864.

May 23, 1864 CHAP. IV.—*An Act to extend the franking privilege.*

Franking privilege extended. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the provisions of the first proviso of the fifth section of the act entitled "An act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes," approved twenty-third February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be extended to the agent of the Post-Office Department west of the Mississippi, and to the Auditor for the trans-Mississippi Department, upon all matter connected with the adjustment and settlement of postal accounts.*

APPROVED May 23, 1864.

May 23, 1864. CHAP. V.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of commissaries for regiments of cavalry*

Commissaries allowed regiments of cavalry. Rank, pay and allowances. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That from and after the passage of this act, there shall be allowed to each regiment of cavalry in the army of the Confederate States, one commissary, with the same rank, pay and allowances as are now allowed by law to the quartermaster of such regiment.*

APPROVED May 23, 1864.

May 23, 1864. CHAP. VI.—*An Act to exempt railroad companies from the payment of certain duties.*

Machinery, materials, &c., necessary for railroads. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all machinery and materials in any wise necessary for the construction, equipment and operation of railroads, imported by any railroad company*