

PRIVATE ACT OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS
OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the second session of the Provisional Congress, which was begun and held at the city of Montgomery, on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of April, 1861, and ended on the twenty-first day of May, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, President. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice-President of the Confederate States. HOWELL COBB, President of the Congress.

May 21, 1861.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to make temporary disposition of certain railroad iron.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, In furtherance of a contract between Thomas C. Bates, an alien enemy residing in the State of New York, and the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific railroad company, a large quantity of railroad iron is on deposit at New Orleans and on the Mississippi, and Red rivers, intended by said contract for said road, and said alien being now incapable of carrying on his contract—

Disposition of
certain railroad
iron.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That said Memphis, El Paso and Pacific railroad company be and is hereby authorized to take possession of said iron upon payment of duty and lawful charges, if any, and lay the same on their road, upon giving bond to the Secretary of the Treasury, to respond for the payment of said iron, as Congress may hereafter direct, the ultimate rights of all persons being hereby reserved until such legislation.

APPROVED May 21, 1861.