

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS

OF THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the fourth session, of the Provisional Congress, which was begun and held at the City of Richmond, on Tuesday, the third day of September, 1861, and ended on the same day.*

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

STATUTE IV.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to authorize the President to continue the appointments made by him, in the Military and Naval Service, during the recesses of Congress, or the last or present session, and to submit them to Congress at its next session.* Sept. 3, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be authorized to continue the appointments made by him, in the military and naval service, during the recesses of Congress, or during the last or present session, and to submit them to Congress at the commencement of its next session.

President authorized to continue appointments made by him in the military and naval service.

APPROVED September 3, 1861.

CHAP. II.—*An Act supplemental to an act to establish the rates of postage on newspapers and periodicals sent to dealers therein through the mails, or by Express over post roads.* Sept. 3, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the word "the" where it last occurs in the second section of said act be, and the same is hereby, stricken out, and the word "each" substituted in its stead.

Amendment of § 2 of act of 1861, Aug. 31, ch. 72 establishing rates of postage on newspapers, &c.

APPROVED September 3, 1861.

*For the proclamation calling this session of Congress, see Appendix. Proclamation No. 1, *post* p.

APPENDIX—PROCLAMATIONS.

PROCLAMATION

NO. I.—CALLING AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

By the President of the Confederate States of America—A Proclamation.

Sept. 2, 1861.

WHEREAS, through accident, a bill to authorize the President to continue the appointments made by him in the military and naval service during the recess of Congress or the present session, and to submit them to Congress at its next session, failed to be delivered to the President for his signature prior to the adjournment of Congress; and whereas, the failure of said bill to become a law, would cause serious inconvenience to the public service—

Preamble as to appointments in the military and naval service.

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States, do issue this my proclamation, convoking the Congress of the Confederate States for the transaction of business, at the Capitol, in the city of Richmond, on the 3d day of September, at 12 o'clock, noon, of that day, of which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Congress convoked.

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Given under my hand and the Seal of the Confederate States, at Richmond, this 2nd day of September, A. D., 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

By the President,
R. M. T. HUNTER, *Secretary of State.*

