

assistant adjutants general with the rank of major, and four assistant adjutants general with the rank of captain.

Brigadier General added to those heretofore appointed.

May be assigned to the duty of Adjutant and Inspector General.

Quartermaster General's Department reorganized.

Commissary General's Department reorganized.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be added one brigadier general to those heretofore authorized by law, and that any one of the brigadier generals of the army of the Confederate States may be assigned to the duty of adjutant and inspector general, at the discretion of the President.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the quartermaster general's department shall consist of one quartermaster general with the rank of colonel, one assistant quartermaster general with the rank of lieutenant colonel, four assistant quartermasters with the rank of major, and such other officers in that department as are already provided by law.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the commissary general's department shall consist of one commissary general with the rank of colonel, one commissary with the rank of lieutenant colonel, one commissary with the rank of major, and three commissaries with the rank of captain; and as many assistant commissaries as may from time to time be required by the service may be detailed by the War Department from the subalterns of the line, who, in addition to their pay in the line, shall receive twenty dollars per month while engaged in that service.

Commissions to officers of U. S. army who have resigned and been appointed to original vacancies in the army of the U. S., to bear the same date.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That in all cases of officers who have resigned, or who may within six months tender their resignations from the army of the United States, and who have been or may be appointed to original vacancies in the army of the Confederate States, the commissions issued shall bear one and the same date, so that the relative rank of officers of each grade shall be determined by their former commissions in the United States army, held anterior to the secession of these Confederate States from the United States.

Oath prescribed for officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That every officer, non-commissioned officer, musician and private shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to-wit: I, A. B., do solemnly swear or affirm (as the case may be) that while I continue in the service I will bear true faith and yield obedience to the Confederate States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against their enemies, and that I will observe and obey the orders of the President of the Confederate States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules and articles of war.

Laws militating against this act, repealed.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws militating against this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

APPROVED March 14, 1861.

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CHAP. XLII.—An Act to regulate Foreign Coins in the Confederate States.

Laws of the U. S. for the regulation of the mints and branch mints, declared to be in force.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That all laws and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the mint and branch mints of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United States, shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full force in relation to the mints of New Orleans and Dahlonega.

Also the laws of the U. S. in reference to coins, and coinage.

SEC. 2. That all laws now in force in reference to the coins of the United States, and the striking and coining the same, shall, as far as applicable, have full force and effect in relation to the coins therein authorized, whether the said laws are penal or otherwise, and whether they are for preventing counterfeiting or debasement, for protecting the

currency, for regulating and guarding the process of striking and coining and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the coin, or for any other purpose.

SEC. 3. That the silver coins issued in conformity with the law[s] of the United States of twenty-first of February and third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, shall be legal tenders in payment of debts for all sums not exceeding ten dollars, all laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

Silver coins issued under act of the U. S. of 21st Feb and 3rd March, 1853, made legal tenders.

SEC. 4. That the following foreign gold coins shall pass current as money within the Confederate States of America, and be receivable for the payment of all debts and demands at the following rates, that is to say: The sovereign of England, of no less a weight than five pennyweights and three grains, and of the fineness of (915½) nine hundred and fifteen and one-half thousandths, shall be deemed equal to four dollars and eighty-two cents. The Napoleon, of the weight of not less than (4 dwts., 3½ grs.) four pennyweights three grains and one-half, and of a fineness of not less than (899) eight hundred ninety-ninth thousandths, shall be deemed equal to three dollars and eighty-two cents. The Spanish and Mexican doubloons, of no less a weight than (17 dwts., 8½ grs.) seventeen pennyweights eight grains and one-half, and of the fineness of not less than (899) eight hundred ninety-ninth thousandths, shall be deemed equal to fifteen dollars and fifty-three cents.

Foreign gold coin to pass current as money at certain rates.

SEC. 5. That the following silver coins shall pass current as money within the Confederate States of America, and be receivable in payment for all debts and demands at the following rates, that is to say: The American dollar, (412½g.) four hundred and twelve and one-half grains, and the dollar of Mexico, of not less than (897) eight hundred ninety-seventh-thousandths in fineness and (415g.) four hundred fifteen grains in weight, shall be deemed equal to one dollar and two cents. The five-franc piece, of not less than (900) nine hundred thousandths in fineness and (384) three hundred eighty-four grains in weight, shall be deemed equal to ninety-five cents.

Silver coins to pass current as money at certain rates.

Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Laws repealed.

APPROVED March 14, 1861.

CHAP. XLIII.—An Act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive and Judicial expenses of Government, for the year ending fourth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

March 15, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the objects hereafter expressed, for the year ending the fourth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, namely:

Appropriations.

*Legislative.*—For compensation and mileage of members of Congress, twenty-six thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

Legislative.

For compensation of the officers, clerks and messengers, and others employed by Congress, nine thousand dollars.

For the contingent expenses of Congress, twenty thousand dollars.

*Executive.*—For compensation of the President of the Confederate States, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Executive.

For compensation of the Vice President of the Confederate States, six thousand dollars.

For compensation of the private secretary of the President, and messenger, one thousand seven hundred dollars.