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CHAP. XI.—*An Act in relation to the Confederate Loan.*

Preamble.

Whereas, under and by virtue of the act to raise money for the support of the government, and to provide for the defence of the Confederate States of America, approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, the Secretary of the Treasury did proceed to offer five millions of said loan, conformably to the provisions of said act: And whereas, in many portions of the Confederate States the currency was and is composed of notes of banks which have suspended specie payment, not of necessity, but as a measure of public policy: And whereas, certain of said banks did agree to redeem in coin or its equivalent such of their notes as should be paid in by subscribers to said loan: And whereas, the Secretary of the Treasury, in view of the exigencies of the times, and with a desire to give to the people of all parts of the Confederate States the opportunity of subscribing to said loan, did authorize the loan commissioners to receive the notes of the banks hereinbefore referred to; and to avoid inconvenience and the risk of transit, has authorized the said loan commissioners to deposit the moneys received by them in said banks: Now, therefore—

Acts of the Secretary of the Treasury, his subordinate officers and of the loan commissioners confirmed, and said officers to continue to act.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That all of the acts and doings of the Secretary of the Treasury, of his subordinate officers, and of the loan commissioners, consistent with the facts recited in the foregoing preamble, are hereby confirmed and made valid, any law, usage or custom to the contrary, notwithstanding; and the said Secretary, his subordinate officers, and the loan commissioners, are hereby authorized to continue so to act in regard to the said loan, until the whole amount authorized by said act shall have been fully subscribed for, and their duties regarding the same shall have determined; and the said Secretary is authorized to make and continue the deposits of moneys received or to be received on account of the said loan in any of the said banks; and the Treasurer of the Confederate States is authorized to draw checks or warrants on said banks on account of said deposits, payable either in coin or its equivalent, or in current bank notes, as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct.

Deposits of money in banks.

Checks or warrants on the banks for the deposits; how payable.

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CHAP. XII.—*An Act to amend an act entitled "An act further to provide for the organization of the Postoffice Department," approved March 9, 1861.*

Salaries of chiefs of the bureaux in the Postoffice Department.

The appointment of their successors,

And of the clerks draftsman, and other employees.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That from and after the passage of this act, the annual salary of the chief of the contract bureau, the chief of the appointment bureau, and the chief of the finance bureau, shall be three thousand dollars; and that hereafter, as the office of either of them shall be vacated, the appointment of his successor shall be made by the President of the Confederate States, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress; and the clerks, draftsman and other employees of the department shall be appointed by the Postmaster General.

Vacancy in the office of Postmaster General. Who to discharge the duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation, absence or removal from office of the Postmaster General, all his powers and duties shall devolve on and be performed by the chief of the contract bureau, until a successor shall be appointed and arrive at the general postoffice to perform the business, or until the return of the Postmaster General: *Provided, however*, The said chief of the contract bureau shall make no permanent appointment of clerks.

Proviso.

Principal Clerk

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed to each

of the bureaus of the department, and also to the inspection office, a principal clerk, at an annual salary of fourteen hundred dollars each. And the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to employ ten additional clerks, at an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars each; also four clerks, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars each; also one watchman, at an annual salary of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 4 *And be it further enacted*, That the clerk charged with the disbursement of the contingent and salary funds of the department, be allowed an additional compensation of two hundred dollars per annum; and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAP. XIII.—*An Act to amend "An act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes," approved February 23, 1861.*

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*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That so much of the first section of an act entitled "An act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, as relates to sealed packages, containing other than printed or written matter, including money packages, be amended as to require that such packages shall be rated by weight, and charged the rates of letter postage.

Act of Feb. 23d, 1861, ch. 13, relating to postage on certain sealed packages, amended.

SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted*, That the second section of said act be amended as follows, to-wit: That all newspapers published within the Confederate States, not exceeding three ounces in weight, and sent from the office of publication to actual and *bona fide* subscribers within the Confederate States, shall be charged with postage as follows, to-wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a newspaper published weekly shall be ten cents per quarter; papers published semi-weekly, double that amount; papers published thrice a week, treble that amount; papers published six times a week, six times that amount; and papers published daily, seven times that amount. And on newspapers weighing more than three ounces there shall be charged on each additional ounce, in addition to the foregoing rates, on those published once a week, five cents per ounce or fraction of an ounce per quarter; on those published twice a week, ten cents per ounce per quarter; on those published three times a week, fifteen cents per ounce per quarter; on those published six times a week, thirty cents per ounce per quarter; and on those published daily, thirty-five cents per ounce per quarter. And periodicals published oftener than bi-monthly, shall be charged as newspapers. And other periodicals, sent from the office of publication to actual and *bona fide* subscribers, shall be charged with postage as follows, to-wit: The postage on the regular numbers of a periodical published within the Confederate States, not exceeding one and a half ounces in weight, and published monthly, shall be two and a half cents per quarter, and for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, two and a half cents additional; if published semi-monthly, double that amount; and periodicals published quarterly or bi-monthly, shall be charged two cents an ounce; and regular subscribers to newspapers and periodicals shall be required to pay one-quarter's postage thereon, in advance, at the office of delivery, unless paid at the office where published. And there shall be charged upon every other newspaper, and each circular not sealed, hand-bill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, which shall be unconnected with any manuscript or written matter, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, and published within

Amendment of 2d section of the above act.

Postage on certain newspapers.

On periodicals.

On other newspapers, circulars, hand-bills, engravings, pamphlets, periodicals and magazines.