

To be paid out of any money in the treasury. time to time become due and payable, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Penalties, &c., of the act of 9th March, 1861, authorizing the issue of treasury notes, considered as a part of this act. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be deemed to contain all the provisions, limitations and penalties of the act entitled an act to authorize the issue of treasury notes, and to prescribe the punishment for forging the same, and for forging certificates of stocks, bonds, or coupons, and approved March ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, which shall be considered as parts of this act, save the first, second and tenth sections, and save so much as relates to interest upon treasury notes.

Secretary of the Treasury to collect information as to the value of property, &c., in the States, with the view to direct taxation. To make report to Congress. SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of raising ten millions of dollars within the present calendar year, and of providing for the ultimate redemption of the debt herein authorized to be contracted, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to collect information in regard to the value of the property, the revenue system, and the amount collected during the last fiscal year in each of the Confederate States, and to report the same to Congress at its next session, so as to enable it to lay a fair, equal and convenient system of internal taxation, for the purpose of securing the payment of the interest and principal of the debt hereby authorized to be created, in such manner as may fully discharge the obligation herein contracted by the pledge of the faith of the Confederate States to pay the principal and interest of the said debt when due.

Payment by State into the Treasury in anticipation of the tax. SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any State may pay into the treasury, in anticipation of the tax aforesaid, any sum not less than one hundred thousand dollars, in specie or its equivalent; and if the same be paid on or before the first day of July next, the said State shall be allowed to set off the same with ten per cent. additional from the quota to be assessed upon the said State.

APPROVED May 16, 1861.

May 17, 1861. CHAP. XXV.—*An Act to admit the State of North Carolina into the Confederacy, on a certain condition.*

Preamble. The State of North Carolina having adopted measures looking to an early withdrawal from the United States, and to becoming in the future a member of this Confederacy, which measures may not be consummated before the approaching recess of Congress: Therefore—

Admission of the State of North Carolina upon the condition, &c. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the State of North Carolina shall be admitted a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same, upon the condition that the convention of said State soon to assemble shall adopt and ratify said Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Confederate States, and shall transmit to the President of the Confederate States, before the reassembling of Congress, through the Governor of said State, or some other proper organ, an authentic copy of the act or ordinance of said convention so adopting and ratifying said Provisional Constitution; upon the receipt whereof the President, by proclamation, shall announce the fact; whereupon, and without any further proceeding on the part of Congress, the admission of said State into this Confederacy, under said Constitution for the Provisional Government, shall be considered as complete, and the laws of this Confederacy shall thereby be

Proclamation by President.

extended over said State as fully and completely as over the other States now composing the same.

APPROVED May 17, 1861.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to admit the State of Tennessee into the Confederacy, on a certain condition.* May 17, 1861.

The State of Tennessee having adopted measures looking to an early withdrawal from the United States, and to becoming, in the future, a member of this Confederacy, which measures may not be consummated before the approaching recess of Congress: Therefore—

Preamble.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the State of Tennessee shall be admitted a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same: upon the condition that the said Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Confederate States shall be adopted and ratified by the properly and legally constituted authorities of said State; and the Governor of said state shall transmit to the President of the Confederate States, before the reassembling of Congress, after the recess aforesaid, an authentic copy of the proceedings touching said adoption and ratification by said state of said Provisional Constitution; upon the receipt whereof, the President, by proclamation, shall announce the fact; whereupon, and without any further proceeding on the part of Congress, the admission of said State of Tennessee into the Confederacy, under said Constitution for the Provisional Government of the Confederate States, shall be considered as complete; and the laws of this Confederacy shall be thereby extended over said State, as fully and completely as over the other States now composing the same.

Admission of the State of Tennessee upon the condition, &c.

Proclamation by President.

APPROVED May 17, 1861.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act to establish a mail route from Vermillionville, in the State of Louisiana, to Orange, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.* May 17, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the following mail route be and the same is hereby established, to-wit: From Vermillionville, in the State of Louisiana, to Orange, in the State of Texas.

Mail route established from Vermillionville to Orange.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster General be and he is hereby authorized to make the first contract for carrying the mail over said route without the necessity of advertising for bids for said contract as required by existing law; and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Contract for carrying the mail over said route.

APPROVED May 17, 1861.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act to provide an additional company of sappers and bombardiers for the army.* May 17, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That there be added to the military establishment of the Confederate States one company of sappers and bombardiers, to consist of one captain,

Company of sappers and bombardiers added to the