

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