

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS
OF THE
CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the third session of the Provisional Congress, which was begun and held at the city of Richmond, on Saturday, the twentieth day of July, 1861, and ended on the thirty-first day of August, 1861.

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

STATUTE III.

CHAP. I.—*An act to authorize the appointment of agents to sign treasury notes.*

July 24, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States [of America] do enact, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to appoint officers to assist the register and treasurer in preparing and signing such treasury notes as are already authorized, or may hereafter be authorized by act of Congress; and the signature of any such officer in behalf of the register or of the treasurer, shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been made by the register or the treasurer in person.

Officers to be appointed, to assist in signing, &c. treasury notes.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

CHAP. II.—*An act relating to the pre-payment of postage in certain cases.*

July 29, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all letters and other matter authorized by law to be transmitted through the mails, written or sent by any officer, musician or private of the army, engaged in the actual service of the Confederate States, may be transmitted through the mails to any other place in the Confederate States, without pre-payment of postage, but leaving such postage to be collected upon the delivery of such letters or other matter: *Provided, nevertheless,* That in all such cases, the letters and other mail matter so sent shall be endorsed with the name, and shall be on account of the individual sending the same, and shall contain a description of the party who sends the same, by endorsement of his military title, if an officer, or of the company and regiment to which he belongs, if a musician or private.

Mail matter may be sent by officers, &c. of the army, without pre-payment of postage.

How to be endorsed.

SEC. 2. That letters and other mail matter sent to any officer, musician or private in the Confederate States army, at any point from which the

Forwarding of letters, &c. in case