

August 20, 1861. CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to aid the State of Missouri in repelling invasion by the United States, and to authorize the admission of said State as a member of the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Missouri have been prevented, by the unconstitutional interference of the Government of the United States, from expressing their will through their legally constituted authorities, in regard to a union with the Confederate States of America, and are now engaged in repelling a lawless invasion of their territory by armed forces; and, whereas, it is the right and duty of the Confederate States to aid the people and government of the said State in resisting such invasion, and in securing the means and the opportunity of expressing their will upon all questions affecting their rights and liberties: Now, therefore—

Aid to the State of Missouri in repelling invasion by the United States.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the President of the Confederate States of America be, and he is hereby, authorized to co-operate through the military power of this government with the authorities and the people of the State of Missouri in defending that State against a lawless invasion by the United States, and in maintaining the liberty and independence of her people, and that he be authorized and empowered, at his discretion, to receive and muster into the service of the Confederate States, in the State of Missouri, such troops of that State as may volunteer to serve in the army of the Confederate States, subject to the rules and regulations of said army, and in accordance with the laws of Congress; and said troops may be received into service by companies, battalions or regiments, with their officers elected by the troops, and the officers so elected shall be commissioned by the President; and when mustered into service said companies, battalions or regiments may be attached to such brigades or divisions as the President may determine; and the President shall have power to appoint field officers for all battalions and regiments organized out of separate companies mustered into service, and to add to battalions a sufficient number of separate companies to complete their organization into regiments, and to appoint the additional field officers necessary for the complete organization of the regiments so formed; and all vacancies that may occur amongst the commissioned officers, of troops mustered into service under this act, shall be filled in the manner provided in the act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the army of the Confederate States of America," approved sixth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Admission of Missouri as a member of the Confederate States.

SEC. 2. That the State of Missouri 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 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 proceedings upon the part of Congress, the admission of said State of Missouri into this 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 of Missouri as fully and completely as over other States now composing the same.

Recognition of the government of Missouri.

SEC. 3. That the Congress of the Confederate States recognize the government of which Claiborne F. Jackson is the chief magistrate, to

be the legally elected and regularly constituted government of the people and State of Missouri; and that the President of the Confederate States be, and he is hereby, empowered, at his discretion, at any time prior to the admission of the said State as a member of this Confederacy, to perfect and proclaim an alliance, offensive and defensive, with the said government, limited to the period of the existing war between this Confederacy and the United States; the said treaty or alliance to be in force from the date thereof, and until the same shall be disaffirmed or rejected by this Congress.

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CHAP. XXV.—*An Act to empower the President of the Confederate States to appoint additional commissioners to foreign nations.* August 20, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the President of the Confederate States be, and he is hereby, empowered to determine and designate to what nations the commissioners of the Confederate States, now in Europe, shall be accredited, either separately or unitedly; and to prescribe the duties he may think proper to assign to each of them. President to determine to what nations the commissioners now in Europe shall be accredited.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, empowered to appoint two other commissioners to represent the Confederate States, either separately or unitedly, to such foreign nations as he may deem expedient. To appoint two other commissioners to foreign nations.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the additional commissioners authorized by this act shall receive the same pay and emolument as the commissioners now in Europe receive; and the President shall appoint the secretaries or clerks required by said missions, and determine their compensation. Pay of the additional commissioners. Their secretaries or clerks, and their compensation.

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CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to authorize payment to be made for certain horses purchased for the army, by Col. A. W. McDonald.* August 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause payment to be made to the vendors, upon an audit of the accounts, of certain horses, heretofore purchased by order of Colonel Angus W. McDonald, to mount the men he was authorized to raise by order of the President of the Confederate States; and upon the payment of the said accounts, said horses shall become the property of the government, and shall be subject to the control of the quartermaster's department: *Provided, however,* That the quartermaster general shall be, and he is hereby, empowered to permit said horses to remain in the possession of the volunteers who now have them, subject to the general law controlling cavalry troops, upon the written agreement of said volunteers that said horses will be paid for by them out of the allowances now made to cavalry troops. Payment to be made for certain horses purchased for the army by Colonel McDonald. Proviso.

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