

is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Charles T. Pollard, President of the Alabama and Florida railroad company, being the difference between fifteen and twenty-four per cent. duty on railroad iron of the value of twenty-six thousand four hundred and forty-two dollars and twenty-six cents, withdrawn from warehouse at Pensacola, Florida, in the month of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

APPROVED August 22, 1861.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act to authorize the Postmaster General to contract for the carriage of the mails on the route hereafter mentioned.* August 22, 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 station seventeen, on the Savannah, Albany and Gulf railroad, commonly called Groover's Station, in the State of Georgia, to the town of Monticello, in the State of Florida. Mail route established from Groover's Station, in Georgia, to the town of Monticello, in Florida.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That* the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to make the first contract for carrying of the mail over said route, without the necessity of advertising for bids for said contract as required by existing law; and that this act do take effect and be in force, from and after its passage: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to require the Postmaster General to put the mail upon said route, unless in his opinion the public interest demand it. Contract for carrying the mail over said route. Proviso.

APPROVED August 22, 1861.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization for persons enlisted in the armies of the Confederate States of America.* August 22, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* every person not a citizen of one of the Confederate States engaged in the military service of the said Confederate States during the existing war against the United States of America, shall thereby, and whilst in such service, be under the protection of the Confederate States as fully as if he were a citizen thereof, the rights of a citizen being to such extent hereby conferred, and moreover shall have the right to become naturalized and to become a citizen of any one of the Confederate States, and shall thereby be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of said State of the Confederate States upon taking an oath to support the Constitution of such State, and well and faithfully to serve the Confederate States of America, to maintain and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and to renounce all allegiance and obedience to any foreign government, state, sovereignty, prince or potentate, and particularly by name the government, state, sovereignty, prince or potentate of which he may be, or have been, a citizen or subject, and stating which one of the Confederate States he intends to become a citizen of; but if the State in which the said applicant shall have resided next before his application shall afterwards become a member of this Confederacy, the citizenship of said applicant shall remain in said State at his election, notwithstanding proceedings under this act. Rights of citizenship extended to persons, who are not citizens, engaged in the military service of the Confederate States. May become naturalized and become citizens of any one of the Confederate States. Oath. Where the State in which the applicant last resided becomes one of the C. S., his citizenship to remain in that State at his election.

SEC. 2. The oath prescribed in the preceding section may be made by all persons below the rank of colonel, before the colonel or commanding officer of the regiment to which such persons may be attached, Before whom the oath to be taken.