

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act making additional appropriations for the Navy of the Confederate States, for the year ending February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

August 24, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That there be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the following sums for the Navy :

Specific appropriations for the Navy for the year ending Feb. 18, 1861.

For the purchase and building of steamers and gun-boats for coast defences of the Confederate States, the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

For repairing and fitting the steamer Merrimac as an iron-clad ship, the sum of one hundred and seventy-two thousand five hundred and twenty-three dollars.

For raising the ships-of-the-line Columbus, Delaware, Pennsylvania and brig Dolphin, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

For pay, subsistence, and other wants of five hundred additional seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen and boys, and firemen and coal heavers, the sum of ninety thousand dollars.

For medical supplies and surgeon's necessaries, the sum of four thousand dollars.

To pay employees at the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Virginia, from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the eighteenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the sum of six thousand seven hundred dollars.

For floating defences for New Orleans, Louisiana, eight hundred thousand dollars.

To construct sub-marine batteries for the destruction of vessels, fifty thousand dollars.

To construct a centrifugal gun, invented by Charles S. Dickinson, subject to the conditions of the Act passed for that purpose, five thousand dollars.

For expenditures in the Ordnance Department of the Navy Yard at Norfolk, for the year ending February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, one hundred and fifteen thousand and fifty-one dollars.

For the construction, equipment, and armament of two iron-clad gun-boats, for the defence of the Mississippi river and the city of Memphis, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

APPROVED August 24, 1861.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to repeal the fourth section of "An act to regulate Foreign Coins in the Confederate States," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and for other purposes.*

Aug. 24, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That from and after the passage of this act, the fourth section of "An Act to regulate Foreign Coins in the Confederate States," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that hereafter the following gold coin shall pass current as money within the Confederate States of America, and be receivable for the payment of all debts and demands at the following rates, that is to say: The Sovereign, of England, of no less a weight than five pennyweights and three grains, and of the fineness of (915 1-2) nine hundred and fifteen and one-half thousandths, shall be deemed equal to four dollars and eighty-five cents; the Napoleon, of the weight of not less than (4dwt. and 3 1-2 grains) four pennyweights, three grains and one-half, and of a fineness of not less than (899) eight hundred and ninety-nine thousandths, shall be deemed equal to three dollars and eighty-five cents; the Spanish and Mexican Doubloons, of no less a weight than (17 dwt., 8 1-2 grs.) seventeen

Repeal of 24 of act of 1861, March 14, ch. 42, regulating Foreign Coins.

Foreign gold coin to be current at certain rates.

pennyweights, eight grains and one-half, and of the fineness of not less than (899) eight hundred and ninety-nine thousandths, shall be deemed equal to fifteen dollars and sixty cents.

APPROVED August 24, 1861.

Aug. 23, 1861. CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act amendatory of "An act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America," approved February twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

Act of 1851, Feb. 23, ch. 13, amended.  
Pre-payment of postage not required on mail matter addressed to State officers.  
Provide

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all mailable matter addressed to officers of the several State governments, for the payment of the postage on which the said governments are responsible, in the adjustment of the accounts of the parties mailing the same, may be transmitted through the mails without the pre-payment of postage thereon: Provided, That the person mailing the same shall endorse thereon his official title and the nature of the matter mailed; and the postage thereon shall be collected of the said governments at the office of delivery.*

Aug. 29, 1861. CHAP. XLV.—*An Act making further appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department during the year ending the eighteenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

Appropriation to supply deficiencies in revenue of Post-Office Department during the year ending Feb. 18, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department during the year ending the eighteenth February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

APPROVED August 29, 1861.

Aug. 23, 1861. CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to create the clerical force of the several Departments of the Confederate States of America and for other purposes," approved March seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

Clerical force of the War Department increased.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the clerical force of the War Department shall be increased to the extent and in the manner following, to-wit:*

For the office of the Secretary of War.

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.—One clerk, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum; for the payment of whom, from eighteenth of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the eighteenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, there is hereby appropriated the sum of one thousand dollars.

Office of Adjutant General.

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.—One clerk at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum; one clerk at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum; one clerk at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum; for whose payment, from eighteenth of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the eighteenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifteen hundred dollars.

Office of Quartermaster General.

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL three additional clerks at twelve hundred dollars each per annum; three additional clerks at one thousand dollars each per annum; for whose payment, from