

SEC. 4. Until such recruits shall amount to a sufficient number to be organized into companies, they shall receive no compensation except their clothing and rations. No compensation allowed except &c, till organized.

APPROVED August 30, 1861.

CHAP. LIII.—An Act to audit the accounts of the respective States against the Confederacy. August 30, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That it shall be the duty of such Auditor or Auditors of the Treasury Department, as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, and to that end the said Secretary be authorized to appoint as many extra clerks for the time, as he may deem necessary, at the rate of salary now allowed for clerks of the Treasury Department, to audit the accounts and claims of the respective States of the Confederacy against the Confederate Government for the advances and expenditures made by the said States respectively for the use and benefit of the Confederacy in preparation for or in conducting the war now existing against the United States, and all claims for advances or expenditures of any kind made by any State prior to the passage of its ordinance of secession, shall be shown to have been made in contemplation of the act of secession afterwards consummated, and of the war that might probably ensue, or in the seizure or acquisition of forts, arsenals, navy yards, armaments, munitions and other useful instrumentalities of war, or in the purchase or manufacture of arms or munitions which have since been transferred to the Confederacy, or in some regular mode been brought into its service for the prosecution of the war aforesaid, before such claims shall be audited and the amount ascertained.

SEC. 2. And in auditing the claims of the States of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, reference shall be had to the special compact and engagements had with those States respectively by the Confederate Government in view of their proposed adhesion to the Provisional Confederation, or of the support of their armaments and the prosecution of the war afterwards, and all claims coming fairly within the purview of such compacts, being properly verified by vouchers, shall, in favor of said States, be audited and ascertained. In auditing the claims of certain States reference to the special compacts with those States.

SEC. 3. That proof shall be made in all cases by proper vouchers to the satisfaction of the Auditor that the amount claimed was actually advanced or expended, that the expenditure was proper, and no greater amount for pay and services shall be audited than is allowed by the regulations of the Confederate Government for pay and services in like cases, and the Auditor shall make a special report of his action under this law to the Congress at its next session. Proof. Restriction as to amount. Auditor to make special report to Congress.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause notice to be forwarded to the executive of each of the States of this Confederacy, immediately after the passage of this Act, calling on such executive to forward the claims which may be held by his State, subject to be audited under the provisions of this act. Notice to executive of each State to forward claims.

APPROVED August 30, 1861.

CHAP. LIV.—An Act to establish certain Post Routes, therein named. August 30, 1861.

SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That there be established the following post routes, viz: From Post routes established.

Loving Creek Post-Office to Wade's Post-Office, in Bedford county, Virginia. Also, from Charleston, in the county of Tallehatchie, to Friar's Point, in the county of Coahoma, Mississippi. Also, from Culloden to Barnesville, in the State of Georgia. Also, that a route be established from Calhoun, on the Alabama and Florida railroad, in the county of Lowndes, in the State of Alabama, to Benton, in said county, through Mount Willing and Gordonsville. Also, a post route from Clarkesville, in Mecklenburg county, Virginia, to Brownsville, in the State of North Carolina. From Mullens to Lime Kiln, via Campbell Home, in Alabama. Also, from Morganton, in Burke county, North Carolina, to Johnson's Depot, Tennessee. Also, a post route from Louisville, in the county of Winston, to Vaiden, in the county of Carroll, in the State of Mississippi. Also, from Wilmington, North Carolina, to Wadesboro', via Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad. Also, from Jefferson, Ashe county, North Carolina, to Marion, Smyth county, Virginia. Also from Clarksville to Spadra Bluff, in Johnson county, Arkansas.

APPROVED August 30, 1861.

August 30, 1861. CHAP. LV.—*An Act authorizing the President to inflict retaliation upon the persons of prisoners.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States has placed in irons and lodged in dungeons, citizens of the Confederate States acting under the authority of Letters of Marque, issued in accordance with the laws of the Confederate States, by the President thereof, and have otherwise maltreated the same, and have seized and confined sundry other citizens of the said Confederate States, in violation of all principles of humane and civilized warfare; Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Congress of the Confederate States of America,

Retaliation on
the persons of pri-
soners.

That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to select such prisoners taken from the United States, and in such numbers as he may deem expedient, upon the persons of whom he may inflict such retaliation, in such measure and kind, as may seem to him just and proper.

APPROVED, August 30, 1861.

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CHAP. LVI.—*An Act to provide for the defence of the Mississippi River.*

Floating defences
for the Mississippi
river.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause such floating defences, as he may deem best adapted to the protection of the Mississippi river, against a descent of iron plated steam gun-boats, to be constructed or prepared with the least possible delay.

APPROVED August 30, 1861.