

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS

OF THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the fifth session of the Provisional Congress, which was begun and held at the city of Richmond, on Monday, the eighteenth day of November, 1861, and ended on the eighteenth day of February, 1862.

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

STATUTE V.

CHAP. I.—An Act to admit the State of Missouri into the Confederacy, as a member of the Confederate States of America. Nov. 28, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the State of Missouri be, and is hereby, admitted as a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States of the Confederacy, under the Constitution of the provisional government of the same. Missouri admitted.

APPROVED November 28, 1861.

CHAP. II.—An Act to enable the State of Missouri to elect members of the House of Representatives. Nov. 22, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, as follows: In case the State of Missouri shall adopt and ratify the Constitution for the permanent government of the Confederate States of America, the time for holding in said State the first election for members of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of said Confederate States, under said Constitution, shall be such as may be designated by the Legislature of said State; which election shall be conducted, in all respects, according to said Constitution and the law of said State, then in force for that purpose; and if no provision by law shall have been made for such election, then according to the laws heretofore existing therein for the election of members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States. Election of members from Missouri to the House of Representatives.

SEC. 2. The State of Missouri shall be entitled to elect thirteen members to the House of Representatives, the same being upon the basis Number.

of one member for every ninety thousand representative population, and one additional member for a fraction over one-half of the ratio aforesaid, under the census of the United States, taken in eighteen hundred and sixty, and being the same basis of representation fixed for the seven original States, in said Constitution for permanent government.

APPROVED November 29, 1861.

1861, Dec. 7.

CHAP. III.—*An Act for the employment of laundresses in Military Hospitals.*

Employment of
laundresses in
military hospitals.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That superintendents of the different military hospitals be, and they are hereby, authorized to employ laundresses for the sick and wounded soldiers, at such rates, and in such numbers, as may be prescribed by the War Department.

APPROVED December 7, 1861.

1861, Dec. 7.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of one or more officers to aid the President to sign commissions in the army.*

Officers to affix
signature of the
President to com-
missions in the
army.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to delegate power to one or more officers, to be selected by him, to affix the signature of the President to commissions in the army.

APPROVED December 7, 1861.

1861, Dec. 10.

CHAP. V.—*An Act for the admission of the State of Kentucky into the Confederate States of America, as a member thereof.*

Kentucky ad-
mitted.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the State of Kentucky be, and is hereby, admitted a member of the Confederate States of America, on an equal footing with the other States of this Confederacy.

APPROVED December 10, 1861.

1861, Dec. 10.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of War to appoint an Assistant.*

Appointment of
Assistant Secretary
of War.

His duties.

Compensation.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint an assistant, who shall be known as the Assistant Secretary of War, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Secretary, and receive as compensation for his services three thousand dollars per annum.

APPROVED December 10, 1861.

1861, Dec. 10.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of chief buglers and principal musicians to regiments in the provisional army.*

Chief bugler or
principal musician
for each regiment.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a chief bugler or principal musician, according to corps, to each regiment in the provisional army.

APPROVED December 10, 1861.