

tled to any pay or allowance until their respective commands be fully organized and reported to the Secretary of War; and said appointments shall expire if the officer appointed shall not, within a reasonable time, not to exceed two months for a company and four months for for a battalion, squadron or regiment, report the corps authorized to be raised by him, organized and ready for duty: *Provided, nevertheless,* That every officer so commissioned for such purpose, shall receive an appointment proportioned to the force he recruits: *And provided, furthermore,* That no enlistments under the commission of captains shall be obligatory, unless the number be sufficient to constitute a company.

When said appointments shall expire.

Officer to receive an appointment proportioned to the force he recruits.

When enlistments under the commission of captains not obligatory.

APPROVED January 22, 1862.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of officers of artillery in the provisional army and in the volunteer corps.*

January 22, 1862.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advis[er] and consent of Congress, in the provisional army, and in the volunteer corps, officers of artillery, above the rank of captain, without reference to the number of batteries under the actual command of the officers so appointed, not to exceed in number, however, one Brigadier General for every eighty guns, one Colonel for every forty guns, one Lieutenant Colonel for every twenty-four guns, and one Major for every sixteen guns.

President may appoint officers of artillery above the rank of Captain, in the provisional army, and in the volunteer corps.

APPROVED January 22, 1862.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act to collect, for distribution, the money remaining in the several post-offices of the Confederate States, at the time the postal service was taken in charge by said government," approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

January 23, 1862.

1861, Aug. 30.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the time limited in said acts, for presenting claims for postal service, be extended to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Time for presenting claims for postal service extended.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to collect, either by draft or collection orders, all balances remaining in the hands of postmasters within the Confederate States, and which they had not paid over at the time the Confederate States took charge of the postal service. And the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to pay over the amounts so collected to any person having claims for postal service rendered since the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one: *Provided,* That an accurate account shall be kept in the office of the auditor of the treasury, for the Post-Office Department, of all sums collected under this act, which accounts shall show the amount of money collected, the person from whom collected, and the person to whom paid.

Postmaster General to collect and pay over certain balances remaining in the hands of postmasters.

Account thereof to be kept.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That whatever sum the Postmaster General may collect and pay over, under this act, for postal service rendered since the first day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, shall be reimbursed out of any money in the treasury to the credit of

Reimbursement out of the treasury for the amount paid over.

How the sum the Post-Office Department; and the sum so reimbursed shall be held as a  
 reimbursed to be separate and distinct fund, subject to distribution under the act to which  
 disposed of. this is an amendment.

APPROVED January 23, 1862.

January 23, 1862. CHAP. XLIX.—An Act to amend an act entitled “An act to establish a Patent Office,  
 and to provide for the granting and issue of patents for new and useful discoveries,  
 inventions, improvements and designs,” approved on the twenty-first day of May, one  
 thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

The 49th § of The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That  
 the act of May 21, section forty-nine of the above recited act be, and the same is hereby,  
 1861, repealed. repealed.

United States SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That every United States patent  
 patents continued that was granted and issued to any person, now a citizen of the Confed-  
 in force. erate States, or who shall hereafter become so by the accession of new  
 States or Territories, may be revived and continued in full force and  
 effect for the time for which they were originally issued yet unexpired :  
 Provided, Such patents are recorded and a copy of the drawing annexed  
 thereto (if there be a drawing, and if not, a specimen of the compound  
 or other subject matter, as the case may be) and a model also, if the  
 commissioner shall deem it necessary, in the patent office of the Confed-  
 erate States, within six months after the close of the present war with  
 the United States; otherwise such patents shall remain null and void;  
 and all persons claiming the benefit of this section shall pay to the  
 commissioner of patents, for the use of the patent fund, the sum of ten  
 dollars, and a recording fee, at the rate of ten cents for every hundred  
 words in such patent. That nothing contained in this act, or that to  
 which it is an amendment, shall be construed to recognize any renewal  
 or extension of any patent granted by the United States heretofore  
 made. Provided, however, That the said patentee shall maintain no suit  
 for a violation of his patent, which violation occurred before the filing  
 of a caveat and the deposit of fees required for the revival of said patent  
 in the patent office.

Assignments of SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That every instrument of writing  
 such patents re- conveying any interest, whether it be the whole, a part, or to a specified  
 vived. portion of territory, in and to a United States patent, to any person now  
 a citizen of the Confederate States, or who shall hereafter become so by  
 the accession of new States or Territories, and which was executed in  
 good faith, prior to the seventeenth day of April, one thousand eight  
 hundred and sixty-one, shall be revived and continued in full force and  
 effect for the term for which the patent, in which an interest is thus  
 held by a citizen of the Confederate States, was originally issued, yet  
 unexpired : Provided, Such instrument of writing shall be recorded in  
 the patent office of the Confederate States, within six months after the  
 close of the present war with the United States, and the owner thereof  
 shall deposit in the said office a descriptive drawing of such character  
 as the commissioner shall direct, which shall represent the invention or  
 subject matter of the patent to which such instrument of writing relates,  
 or if the invention be a composition of matter, then, in that case, a speci-  
 men of the compound, with a written description of the method of making  
 and using it, and all persons claiming the benefit of this section shall  
 pay to the commissioner of patents, for the use of the patent fund, the

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 of drawing, &c.