

obtaining subscriptions to the loan authorized by this act, or of selling any part of the stock to be created by virtue thereof. A commission not exceeding one quarter of one per cent. on the amount thus sold, or for which subscriptions shall have been thus obtained, may, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be allowed to such agent or agents; and a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated for paying the amount of such commission or commissions as may be thus allowed, and also for defraying the expenses of printing, and issuing the subscription certificates and certificates of stock, and other expenses, incident to the completing of the loan authorized by this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful to receive in payment of any loan obtained under this act, or under any other act of Congress authorizing a loan, treasury notes which have been issued according to law, and which shall become due and payable on or before the first day of January next, at the par value of such treasury notes, together with the interest thereon accrued, at the time of the payment on account of the loan.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the funds constituting the annual appropriation of eight millions of dollars, for the payment of the principal and interest of the public debt of the United States as may be wanted for that purpose, after satisfying the sums necessary for the payment of the interest and such part of the principal of said debt, as the United States are now pledged annually to pay or reimburse, is hereby pledged and appropriated for the payment of the interest, and for the reimbursement of the principal of the stock which may be created by virtue of this act. It shall accordingly be the duty of the commissioners of the sinking fund, to cause to be applied and paid out of the said fund, yearly, such sum and sums as may be annually wanted to discharge the interest accruing on the said stock, and to reimburse the principal, as the same shall become due, and may be discharged in conformity with the terms of the loan; and they are further authorized to apply, from time to time, such sum or sums out of the said fund, as they may think proper, towards redeeming, by purchase, and at a price not above par, the principal of the said stock, or any part thereof.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in addition to the annual sum of eight millions of dollars, heretofore appropriated to the sinking fund, adequate and permanent funds shall during the present session of Congress, be provided and appropriated, for the payment of the interest and reimbursement of the principal of said stock created by this act.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That an adequate and permanent sinking fund, gradually to reduce and eventually to extinguish the public debt, contracted and to be contracted during the present war, shall also be established during the present session of Congress.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any of the banks in the District of Columbia, to lend any part of the sum authorized to be borrowed by virtue of this act, any thing in any of their charters to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 15, 1814.

subscriptions or selling the stock.

Commission to be paid for the service

Treasury notes due before January receivable in payment of this or any other loan.

Fund appropriated for the payment of interest and reimbursement of principal of stock created by virtue of this act.

Duty of commissioners of sinking fund, accordingly.

Permanent funds to be provided and appropriated, in addition to the sum already appropriated to the sinking fund.

An adequate sinking fund for paying the war debt to be created.

Banks in District of Columbia authorized to contribute to the loan.

STATUTE III.

Nov. 21, 1814.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary for the Department of State be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the laws of the United States, passed, or to be passed, during the present or any future session of Congress, to be published in two of the public newspapers

Laws of the United States to be published in each and every territory of the United States.

within each and every territory of the United States:—*Provided*, in his opinion, it shall become necessary and expedient.

APPROVED, November 21, 1814.

STATUTE III.

Nov. 22, 1814.

[Obsolete.]

The Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a clerk, &c.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a clerk in the office of the commissioner of the revenue, with power to sign licenses.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the head of the treasury department shall be, and he is hereby authorized, from time to time, as may be requisite, to designate a clerk in the office of the commissioner of the revenue, to assist in the signing of the licenses issuing from that office; and the clerk so designated shall have power to sign his own name to such licenses; which signature shall be as valid as that of the said commissioner of the revenue.

APPROVED, November 22, 1814.

STATUTE III.

Dec. 1, 1814.

[Expired.]

Secretary of State may give an additional allowance for bringing home destitute seamen.

Former claims to be adjusted and settled, as he may deem reasonable.

Continuance of this act.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels, for bringing back to the United States, destitute and distressed American seamen.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That during the continuance of the present war, the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized, in addition to the sum of ten dollars, at present allowed by law for returning destitute American seamen to the United States, to allow such additional compensation as he may deem reasonable, to be paid out of the sum annually appropriated for the relief of destitute American seamen.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized, to adjust and settle such claims as may have been exhibited at the Department of State, for returning destitute American seamen to the United States, and to allow, in addition to the ten dollars at present allowed by law, such additional compensation as he may deem reasonable, and to pay the same out of the fund appropriated for the relief of destitute American seamen.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force during the continuance of the present war between the United States and Great Britain, and for one year thereafter.

APPROVED, December 1, 1814.

STATUTE III.

Dec. 10, 1814.

[Repealed.]

Act of March 3, 1815, ch. 78. Recruits authorized of able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and fifty.

CHAP. X.—*An Act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passing of this act, each and every commissioned officer who shall be employed in the recruiting service, shall be, and he hereby is authorized to enlist into the army of the United States, any free effective able-bodied man, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years; which enlistment shall be absolute and binding upon all persons under the age of twenty-one years, as well as upon persons of full age, such recruiting officer having complied with all the requisitions of the laws regulating the recruiting service.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any