

ACTS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the district of Columbia, on Monday, the 31st day of May, 1841, and ended the 11th day of September, 1841.

JOHN TYLER, President of the United States. SAMUEL L. SOUTHARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore. JOHN WHITE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. I.—*An Act making appropriations for the present session of Congress.*

June 25, 1841

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, viz:

[Obsolete.]

Appropriations.

For the pay and mileage of the members of the Senate for the present session, sixty-eight thousand five hundred and forty-one dollars and sixty cents;

Senate—pay and mileage.

For the pay of the Chaplain of the Senate, five hundred dollars;

Chaplain.

For printing, stationery, and all other contingent expenses of the Senate for the present session, twenty thousand dollars;

Contingent expenses.

For the pay and mileage of the members of the House of Representatives, including five hundred dollars to the Chaplain, for the present session of Congress, two hundred and fifty-six thousand six hundred dollars;

House of Representatives—pay and mileage.

For the printing, stationery, and all other contingent expenses of the House of Representatives for the present session, thirty thousand eight hundred and thirty-six dollars.

Chaplain. Contingent expenses.

For the supply of stationery for the House of Representatives for the second session of the twenty-seventh Congress, fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided, always,* That no part of the sums appropriated for the contingent expenses of either House of Congress, shall be applied to any other than the ordinary expenditures of the Senate and House of Representatives, nor as extra allowance to any clerk, messenger, or other attendant of the said two Houses, or either of them.

Stationery for 2d session 27th Congress. Contingent expenses of Congress, how to be applied.

APPROVED, June 25, 1841.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act for the relief of Mrs. Harrison, widow of the late President of the United States.*

June 30, 1841.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Mrs. Harrison, widow of William Henry Harrison, late President of the United States, or, in the event of her death before payment, then to the legal representatives of the said William Henry Harrison, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided always,* That any sum of money which shall have been paid to the personal representatives

Appropriation to Mrs. Harrison.

Proviso.

of the said William Henry Harrison since his death, on account of his salary as President of the United States, shall be deducted from the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

APPROVED, June 30, 1841.

STATUTE I.

July 21, 1841.

1842, ch. 26.
President authorized to borrow \$12,000,000 at 6 per cent.

When reimbursable.

The money borrowed, how to be applied.

Stock, how transferable.

Certificates of stock to be prepared and sold.

Proviso.

1842, ch. 287.

Sec. Treas. to receive proposals for the loan, or, &c.

Expenses incident to this act limited.

Sec. Treasury authorized to purchase stock prior to time of redemption.

Appropriation therefor.
Faith of U. S. pledged for punctual payment of interest, &c.

STATUTE I.

Aug. 1, 1841.

[Obsolete.]

Appropriation.

CHAP. III.—*An Act authorizing a loan not exceeding the sum of twelve millions of dollars.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, at any time within one year from the passage of this act, to borrow, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, or so much thereof as in his opinion the exigencies of the Government may require, at a rate of interest, payable quarterly or semi-annually, not exceeding six per centum per annum, which loan shall be made reimbursable either at the will of the Secretary of the Treasury, after six months' notice, or at any time after three years from the first day of January next; and said money so borrowed shall be applied, in addition to the money now in the Treasury, or which may be received therein from other sources, to the payment and redemption of the Treasury notes heretofore authorized, which are or may be outstanding and unpaid, and to defray any of the public expenses which have been heretofore or which may be authorized by law, which stock shall be transferable only on the books of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, with the consent of the President, to cause to be prepared certificates of stock, signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Register of the Treasury, for the sum to be borrowed, or any part thereof, bearing an interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, and transferable and reimbursable as aforesaid, and to cause the said certificates of stock to be sold: *Provided,* That no stock be sold below par.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive proposals for taking the said loan, or to employ an agent or agents for the purpose of negotiating the same, and to pay to him or them a reasonable commission, not exceeding one-tenth of one per cent. on the amount so negotiated, which sum to be allowed to such agent or agents, and such expense as may be necessarily incurred in printing and issuing certificates of stock, and other expenses incident to the due execution of this act, in all not exceeding twelve thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose, and shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to purchase, at any time before the period herein limited for the redemption of stock hereby authorized, such portion thereof as the funds of the Government may admit of, after meeting all the demands on the Treasury, and any surplus in the Treasury is hereby appropriated to that object.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the faith of the United States be, and is hereby, pledged for the punctual payment of the interest and redemption of said stock.

APPROVED, July 21, 1841.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act making appropriation for the pay, subsistence, &c., of a home squadron.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the pay and