

For fuel, three thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars.

For military stores, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For transportation and expenses of recruiting, five thousand dollars.

For contingencies, six thousand dollars.

Contingencies.

For paying James Crutchett for lighting the Capitol and grounds, three thousand dollars and ten cents.

For contingent expenses of the Senate, twenty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, fifty thousand dollars.

For payment for printing of one thousand copies of list of patents, by Commissioner of Patents, two thousand dollars, to be paid out of the patent fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for clothing in kind to volunteers for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, agreeably to the act entitled "An Act to provide clothing for volunteers in the service of the United States," approved the twenty-sixth of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and that so much of said sum of eight hundred thousand dollars as the President shall direct, is hereby authorized to be applied to the purchase of said clothing during the current fiscal year.

Clothing in kind for volunteers.

1848, ch. 6.

APPROVED, March 27, 1848.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to remit the Duties on Books, Maps, and Charts imported for the Use of the Library of Congress.*

March 29, 1848.

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 be, and he hereby is, directed to remit all duties upon such books, maps, and charts as have been during the present year, or hereafter may be, imported into the United States by authority of the Joint Library Committee of Congress, for the use of the library of Congress: *Provided*, That if, in any case, a contract shall have been made with any bookseller, importer, or other person, for books, maps, or charts, in which contract the bookseller, importer, or other person aforesaid, shall have paid the duty or included the duty in said contract, in such case the duty shall not be remitted.

Duties on books, &c., imported for the library of Congress remitted.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 29, 1848.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to authorize a Loan not to exceed the Sum of Sixteen Millions of Dollars.*

March 31, 1848.

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 be, and he 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 sixteen millions of dollars, or so much thereof as, in his opinion, the exigencies of the government may require, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable quarterly or semi-annually, which loan shall be made reimbursable at any time after twenty years from the first day of July next after the passage of this act; and said money, so borrowed, shall, on being first duly appropriated therefor, be applied, in addition to the money now in the treasury, or which may be received therein from other sources, to defray any of the public expenses which have been heretofore, or may be hereafter, authorized by law, and the stock issued upon such loan shall be transferable on the books of the treasury.

Loan of \$16,000,000 authorized.

Interest.

When payable

Stock transferable.

Certificates of stock.

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

of the United States, to cause to be prepared certificates of stock, which shall be signed by the Register of the Treasury, and sealed with the seal of the Treasury Department, for the sum to be borrowed as aforesaid, or any part thereof, bearing an interest not to exceed six per centum per annum, and transferable and reimbursable as aforesaid, and to cause said certificates of stock to be sold: *Provided*, That no part of said stock be sold below par: *And provided, also*, That, whenever required so to do, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be attached to any certificate or certificates to be issued under this act, coupons of interest; and any certificate having such coupons of interest attached to it, may be transferable by delivery of the certificate, instead of being assignable on the books of the treasury; but no certificate of stock shall be issued for a less amount than fifty dollars.

How sold.
Coupons for interest.

Certificates transferable by delivery.

Proposals for the loan may be invited.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive proposals for the taking of such loan, or any part or parts thereof; and that before disposing of the said stock issued for such loan, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be inserted in one or two public newspapers printed in the city of Washington, and in one or two public newspapers printed in the principal city or capital of each State, an advertisement stating that bids and proposals for such loan will be received until a certain day, to be specified in such advertisement, not more than sixty days or less than twenty days from the time of the first insertion of said advertisement in one or two newspapers in the city of Washington, and stating the amount of the loan required, and in what instalments, and when and where it will be required to be paid. And all such proposals shall be required to be sealed, and shall be opened by the secretary, or other officer of the department, on the day appointed, publicly, and in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend; and no proposal shall be withdrawn after the same shall have been received at the Treasury Department; and the said secretary may pay such expenses as may be necessarily incurred in printing and issuing certificates of stock: *Provided, however*, That the employment of agents, and other expenses incident to the execution of this act, shall not in all exceed the sum of sixteen thousand dollars; which sum of sixteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for these purposes, and shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *And provided*, That no compensation shall be allowed to any officer whose salary is fixed by law, for any service performed by him in the execution of this act.

Contingent expenses of this loan.

Proviso.

Public faith pledged for repayment.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the faith of the United States is hereby pledged to provide and establish sufficient revenues for the regular payment of the interest, and for the redemption of said stock. And the principal sum borrowed under the provisions of this act, and the interest thereon, as the same shall, from time to time, become due and payable, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Purchase of stock when there are surplus funds in the treasury.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase, at any time before the period herein limited for the redemption of the stock hereby created, such portion thereof at the market price, not below par, as the funds of the government may admit of, after meeting all the demands on the treasury; and any surplus that hereafter may be in the treasury is hereby appropriated to that object.

Report to be made of things done under this act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress, at the commencement of the next session, the amount of money borrowed under this act, and of whom, and on what terms it shall have been obtained, with an abstract or brief statement of all the proposals submitted for the same,

distinguishing between those accepted and those rejected, with a detailed statement of the expense of making such loans.

APPROVED, March 31, 1848.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act to change the Location of certain Lighthouses and Buoys.*

April 8, 1848.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to change the location of the following named lighthouses, directed to be built by the act of the last session, to wit: From Telless Point, on the Hudson River, to Tarrytown Point, on said river; from Galveston Island to Bolivar Point; from Long Island, in Savannah River, to the knoll connected with Cockspur Island, in the said river; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to substitute a dumb beacon, instead of a lighthouse, if he shall deem it best for the public interest, from Santee River to the outer point of Bull's Island, at the entrance of Bull's Bay; and that the buoy authorized by the said act to be placed at the entrance of Bull's Bay, shall be placed at such point as the collector of the port of Charleston, South Carolina, shall direct.

Change of location of certain lighthouses.

Beacon and buoy.

APPROVED, April 8, 1848.

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act relating to the Collection District of New Orleans, and for other Purposes.*

April 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the city of Lafayette in the State of Louisiana, shall be added to and included in the port of entry of New Orleans; and that the office of surveyor for the city of Lafayette be and is hereby abolished.

Lafayette annexed to the collection district of New Orleans.

APPROVED, April 14, 1848.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act authorizing a Term of the United States Circuit and District Courts at Chicago, Illinois.*

May 9, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a term of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the State of Illinois shall hereafter be held at the city of Chicago, on the first Monday of July in each year.

A term of the U. S. Courts to be held at Chicago in July, annually.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act in addition to an Act therein mentioned.*

May 9, 1848.

WHEREAS, by a certain act approved March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, there was granted to the State of Indiana, to aid in constructing the Wabash and Erie Canal, "a quantity of land equal to one half of five sections wide on each side of said canal;" and whereas, by an act approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and forty-one, there was confirmed to said State the lands selected under said grant for that part of said canal, between the mouth of Tippecanoe River and Terre Haute, and license was given to said State to select other lands subject to private entry, or such part of said selection as was holden against the State by the legal incumbrance or title of others, which last selections have never been made and completed: Therefore,

Preamble.
1827, ch. 56.