

public service by virtue of this act, shall be subject to military law, except the deputy commissaries.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the President may, and he hereby is authorized in the recess of the Senate, to appoint the quartermaster general, deputy quartermasters, commissary general, and deputy commissaries, or any of them; which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate at their next session, for their advice and consent.

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missaries exempt from military law.

President authorized to make the appointments in recess of Senate.

STATUTE I.

March 30, 1812.

Act of March 1, 1817, ch. 81. Certain frigates to be repaired and put into commission. Appropriation.

Officers of the navy may be increased accordingly.

An annual appropriation for the purchase of materials adapted to the rebuilding and repair of certain frigates.

How the sums appropriated are to be paid.

Gun boats to be distributed to be used as circumstances may require.

Pursers to be appointed by the President with the approbation of the Senate.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act concerning the Naval Establishment.*(a)

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 and empowered to cause to be immediately repaired, equipped and put into actual service, the frigates Chesapeake, Constellation and Adams; and that a sum not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers and seamen of the navy may be increased so far as may be necessary to officer, man and equip the vessels so to be put into service, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, annually, for three years, viz: one thousand eight hundred and twelve, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen and one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be appropriated towards the purchase and supply of a stock of every description of timber required for ship building and other navy purposes; and that the first appropriation thereof be made in the purchase of timber suitable for rebuilding the frigates Philadelphia, General Greene, New York, and Boston.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sums herein specifically appropriated shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as it shall be deemed compatible with the good of the public service, the gun boats now in commission be laid up, and with those not in commission, be distributed in the several harbors of the maritime frontier which are most exposed to attack, to be carefully kept and used as circumstances may require.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the pursers in the navy of the United States shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and that from and after the first day of May next, no person shall act in the character of purser, who shall not have been thus first nominated and appointed, excepting pursers on distant service who shall not remain in service after the first day of July next, unless nominated and appointed as aforesaid. And every purser, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bond, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, conditioned faithfully to perform all the duties of purser in the navy of the United States.

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(a) Preceding acts relating to the Navy of the United States:—

Act of March 22, 1794,	Vol. i. 350.
Act of April 20, 1796,	" i. 453.
Act of July 1, 1797,	" i. 523.
Act of April 27, 1798,	" i. 552.
Act of May 4, 1798,	" i. 556.
Act of June 22, 1798,	" i. 575.
Act of February 25, 1799,	" i. 621.
Act for the government of the navy of the United States, March 2, 1799, chap. 24, Vol. i. 709.	