

# ACTS OF THE TWELFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of November, 1812, and ended on the third day of March, 1813.*

JAMES MADISON, President of the United States; WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, President of the Senate pro tempore; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. I.—*An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents free of postage.*

Nov. 12, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the members of Congress, the secretary of the Senate, and clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby respectively authorized to transmit, free of postage, the message of the President of the United States, of the fourth of November, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and the documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate, and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States and territories thereof, to which they may direct, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

The message of the President and documents to be transmitted free of postage.

APPROVED, November 12, 1812.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. II.—*An Act further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia.*

Dec. 2, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled "An act concerning the mint," approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and one, is hereby revived and continued in force and operation, for the further term of five years, after the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.*

The mint continued in Philadelphia until March 4, 1813.

Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 21, revived.

APPROVED, December 2, 1812.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. III.—*An Act making an appropriation to defray expenses incurred, or to be incurred, under an act entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States;" and the act, entitled "An act for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes, passed the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five."*

Dec. 12, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated towards defraying any*

Specific appropriation.

Act of April  
10, 1812, ch. 55.

Act of Feb. 28,  
1795, ch. 36.

expense incurred, or to be incurred, under an act, entitled "An act to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States," passed the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twelve; and also, under an act, entitled "An act for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions, and to repeal the act now in force for those purposes," passed the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, December 12, 1812.

STATUTE II.

Dec. 12, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

Act of March  
3, 1815, ch. 78.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act increasing the pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, and others of the Army, and for other purposes.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and twelve, the monthly pay of the non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, drivers, bombardiers, matrosses, sappers, miners, artificers, saddlers, farriers, and blacksmiths, who have enlisted or shall hereafter enlist in the service of the United States, shall, during the continuance of the war between the United States of America and their territories, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof, be as follows, to wit: To each serjeant major and quartermaster serjeant, twelve dollars; to each serjeant and principal musician, eleven dollars; to each corporal, ten dollars; to each musician, nine dollars; to each private, driver, bombardier, matross, sapper, and miner, eight dollars; to each artificer, saddler, farrier, and blacksmith, not attached to the quartermaster general's and ordnance department, thirteen dollars.

Monthly pay  
after Dec. 31,  
1812.

Non-commissioned officers, soldiers, &c. &c. free from arrest for debt.

Recruits to have an option to serve till the end of the war, or for five years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That during the continuance of the war with Great Britain, no non-commissioned officer, musician, private, driver, bombardier, matross, sapper, miner, artificer, saddler, farrier, or blacksmith, enlisted in the service of the United States, during his continuance in service shall be arrested, or subject to arrest, or to be taken in execution for any debt contracted before or after enlistment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every non-commissioned officer, musician, and private, who shall, after the promulgation of this act, be recruited in the regular army of the United States, may, at his option, to be made at the time of enlistment, engage to serve during the present war with Great Britain, instead of the term of five years; and shall, in case he makes such option, be entitled to the same bounty in money and land, and to all other allowances, and be subject to the same rules and regulations, as if he had enlisted for the term of five years.

APPROVED, December 12, 1812.

STATUTE II.

Dec. 18, 1812.

District and territorial judges to reside within their districts and not to exercise the profession of counsel or attorney, or to be engaged in the practice of the law.

CHAP. V. *An Act concerning the District and Territorial Judges of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter it shall be incumbent upon the district and territorial judges of the United States, to reside within the districts and territories respectively for which they are appointed, and that it shall not be lawful for any judge appointed under the authority of the United States, to exercise the profession or employment of counsel or attorney, or to be engaged in the practice of the law. And any person offending against the injunction or prohibition of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor.

APPROVED, December 18, 1812.