

seamen deserting to be arrested and delivered up.

in writing, stating that the person therein named has deserted from a vessel of any such government while in any port of the United States, and on proof by the exhibition of the register of the vessel, ship's roll, or other official document, that the person named belonged, at the time of desertion, to the crew of said vessel, it shall be the duty of any court, judge, justice, or other magistrate, having competent power, to issue warrants to cause the said person to be arrested for examination; and if, on examination, the facts stated are found to be true, the person arrested, not being a citizen of the United States, shall be delivered up to the said consul or vice-consul, to be sent back to the dominions of any such government, or, on the request, and at the expense, of the said consul or vice-consul, shall be detained until the consul or vice-consul finds an opportunity to send him back to the dominions of any such government: *Provided nevertheless*, That no person shall be detained more than two months after his arrest; but at the end of that time shall be set at liberty, and shall not be again molested for the same cause: *And provided, further*, That if any such deserter shall be found to have committed any crime or offence, his surrender may be delayed until the tribunal before which the case shall be depending, or may be cognisable, shall have pronounced its sentence, and such sentence shall have been carried into effect.

Or detained.

Proviso: detention not to be longer than two months.

Proviso: this act not to release seaman from custody as an offender against laws of United States.

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STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act to continue the present mode of supplying the army of the United States.*

Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, of act of April 14, 1818, ch. 61, and section 8, of March 2, 1821, ch. 13, continued for five years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth sections of the act, entitled "An act regulating the staff of the army of the United States," passed April the fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and the eighth section of the act, entitled "An act to reduce and fix the military peace establishment of the United States," passed March the second, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, are hereby continued in force for five years from the passing of this act, and thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

Two commissaries created.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the better to enable the commissary general of subsistence to carry into effect the provisions of the above specified acts, there be appointed two commissaries, to be taken from the line of the army, one of whom shall have the same rank, pay, and emoluments, as quartermaster; and the other with the rank, pay, and emoluments, of assistant quartermaster.

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CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act for the relief of the navy hospital fund.*

[Obsolete.]
Appropriation to navy hospital fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to the navy hospital fund; and that the same be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the requisition of the commissioners of the said fund, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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