

the vessel, goods and effects condemned, to be made at public auction, upon due notice by the marshal of the district in which the same shall be: and all expenses of condemnation and sale, being deducted from the proceeds, the part thereof which shall accrue to the United States, shall be paid into the public treasury, and the residue, and all allowances of salvage, as aforesaid, shall be distributed to, and among the officers and crews concerned therein, in the proportions which the President of the United States shall direct.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, to cause the officers and crews of the vessels so captured and hostile persons found on board any vessel, which shall be re-captured, as aforesaid, to be confined in any place of safety within the United States, in such manner as he may think the public interest may require, and all marshals and other officers of the United States are hereby required to execute such orders as the President may issue for the said purpose.

Officers and crews of captured vessels, &c. to be confined.

APPROVED, June 28, 1798.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the new Regiment of Artillerists and Engineers, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.*

June 28, 1798.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eighty-eight thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated for the pay, subsistence, clothing, forage, bounties, quartermaster's supplies, and all contingent expenses, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, of the regiment of artillerists and engineers to be raised for the service of the United States, pursuant to an act, intituled "An act to provide an additional regiment of artillerists and engineers." The said sum of eighty-eight thousand dollars to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of the United States.

[Obsolete.]

1798, ch. 33.

APPROVED, June 28, 1798.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act supplementary to the act intituled "An act to provide an additional Armament for the further protection of the trade of the United States, and for other purposes."*

June 30, 1798.

Ante, p. 552.

[Obsolete.]

SECTION I. *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 shall be, and he is hereby authorized to accept, in behalf of the United States, of the proposals of any persons who shall offer and undertake to complete, provide and deliver, to the use, and upon the credit of the United States, on terms, in his opinion, advantageous or convenient, any vessel or vessels, now building, or to be built within the United States, of a model and size which he shall approve, and armed and equipped, or suitable to be armed for the public service: and upon the delivery of the vessel or vessels, according to such proposals, or to the acceptance of the President of the United States, he may cause proper certificates, or other evidence of the debt or obligation of the United States incurred thereby, to be made and given at the treasury department, and which shall be there registered, to the use and benefit of the persons concerned: *Provided*, that not more than twelve vessels, in addition to those already authorized, shall and may be procured, by virtue hereof: *And provided*, that not more than six per cent. per annum, shall be allowed for any credit which shall be given under this act. And all certificates of debt shall be redeemable at the will of Congress.

The President may accept vessels offered on the credit of the U. States; whereupon he may cause evidence of the debt or obligation to be given therefor.

Limitation to twelve vessels.

No more than six per cent. to be allowed on credits.

Rates of the ships of war to be procured or accepted.

Ante, p. 552.

The President may accept of vessels given to the use of the U. States.

The President may regulate the rank, pay, &c. of officers, and number of men to be employed, &c.

1794, ch. 12.

The President may vary the quotas of seamen, landsmen, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the vessels authorized by the act, intituled "An act to provide an additional armament for the further protection of the trade of the United States, and for other purposes," and those which shall be authorized by this act, shall be procured and accepted according to the following rates, as nearly as may be; that is to say—six of them not exceeding eighteen guns each, and twelve of them not less than twenty, or exceeding twenty-four guns each, and six not less than thirty-two guns each; and the guns for each vessel, to be of such caliber and weight of metal, as the President of the United States shall approve; any thing in the said former act, to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States may, at his discretion, accept of any vessel armed and equipped, or suitable to be armed, of a model, size and force proper for the public service, which any state, body politic or corporate, citizen or citizens of the United States, shall voluntarily offer and give, for the use of the United States, to increase the naval armament.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized to determine and direct, according to the rate of each vessel which shall be furnished or accepted in pursuance of this act, the rank, pay, and subsistence of the commissioned and warrant officers, who shall be appointed thereto; and the number of men to be engaged, and the pay to be allowed them, not exceeding the proportionable grades and allowances which are or shall be authorized by law, for the navy of the United States. And all officers of the said navy, according to their respective ranks, shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the act, intituled "An act to provide a naval armament."

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States may, at his discretion, increase or vary the quotas of seamen, landsmen and marines, to be employed on board the frigates, and may permit a proportion of boys for them, and the other vessels of the navy of the United States, according to the exigencies of the public service.

APPROVED, June 30, 1798.

STATUTE II.

July 6, 1798.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act providing Arms for the Militia throughout the United States.*

30,000 stands of arms to be provided, and sold to the state governments, and

Act of April 23, 1808, ch. 55.

those remaining unsold may be delivered to the militia, when called into service.

Amount of sales to be paid into the Treasury.

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senote and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be provided, at the charge and expense of the government of the United States, thirty thousand stand of arms, which shall be deposited by order of the President of the United States, at suitable places; for the purpose of being sold to the governments of the respective States, or the militia thereof, under such regulations, and at such prices as the President of the United States shall prescribe.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause all or any part of the arms herein directed to be provided and deposited for sale, which shall, at any time, remain unsold, to be delivered to the militia, when called into the service of the United States, proper receipts and security being given for the return of the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the monies arising from such sales shall be paid into the treasury of the United States, and the amount received shall be annually reported to Congress.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized to draw from the treasury of the United States, a