

of six hundred thousand dollars shall be, and hereby is appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to cause to be built, and equipped, three ships or vessels, to be of a force not less than thirty-two guns each, and of the dimensions and model which he shall deem most advantageous for the public service, as part of the additional naval armament authorized by law.

Appropriation for three ships of not less than 32 guns each.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the timber and other materials belonging to the United States proper for building and equipping the ships or vessels aforesaid, remaining in their several dock-yards, and elsewhere, may be employed under the direction of the President of the United States, in effecting the purposes of this act; or may be otherwise disposed of, as he shall think best. And the sum hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

Disposal of the materials for ships now on hand.

Appropriation how to be paid.

APPROVED, July 16, 1798.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act in further addition to the act, intituled "An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States."*

July 16, 1798.

1789, ch. 20.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the judges of the supreme court, and of the several district courts of the United States, and all judges and justices of the courts of the several states, having authority by the laws of the United States to take cognizance of offences against the constitution and laws thereof, shall respectively have the like power and authority to hold to security of the peace, and for good behaviour, in cases arising under the constitution and laws of the United States, as may or can be lawfully exercised by any judge or justice of the peace of the respective states, in cases cognizable before them.

Power of holding to the peace and good behaviour.

APPROVED, July 16, 1798.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act making certain appropriations; and to authorize the President to obtain a Loan on the credit of the direct tax.*

July 16, 1798.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be, and there hereby are appropriated the following sums, that is to say:—Towards defraying the bounties, pay and other expenditures which shall and may accrue, in the augmentation of the army of the United States, pursuant to the act, intituled, "An act to augment the army of the United States; and for other purposes," the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars; and in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for such fortifications as the President of the United States shall cause to be erected or completed, the further sum of seventy-five thousand dollars; and for the further expenses of the commissioners appointed pursuant to the treaty between the United States and Spain, and for the extraordinary expenses of marking and running certain boundary lines required by the same treaty, in addition to the former appropriations, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid from any monies which shall be in the treasury of the United States, not already appropriated.

Appropriations for several purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow of the Bank of the United States, who are hereby enabled to lend the same, or of any other corporation, persons or person, the sum of two millions of dollars, upon the credit, and in anticipation of the direct tax, laid and to be collected within the United States; which tax shall be, and is hereby pledged for the repayment of any loan which shall be obtained thereon, as aforesaid; and the faith of the United States shall be, and is hereby

The President may borrow two millions on the credit of the direct tax.

pledged to make good any deficiency: *Provided*, that the interest to be allowed for such loan, shall not exceed six per centum per annum; and that the principal shall be reimbursed at the pleasure of the United States.

APPROVED, July 16, 1798.

STATUTE II.

July 16, 1798.

CHAP. LXXXV.—*An Act to alter and amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War and Navy Departments.*

[Obsolete.]

Accountant of the navy established—

Ante, p. 553. His duty.

April 30, 1798. Ante, p. 49.

Compensation. Act of March 2, 1799.

Letters free.

The treasurer to disburse monies for the Navy Department, on warrants, &c.

Purchases and contracts to be made by the war and navy departments, and accounts to be settled with the accountants thereof.

Purveyor of public supplies to execute orders from the Secretaries of War and the Navy.

Provisions of former acts repealed.

1792, ch. 37.

1795, ch. 27.

Contracts relative to money, &c. to be lodged in the comptroller's office.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be in the department of the navy, an officer to be denominated accountant of the navy, who shall be charged with the settlement of all accounts for monies advanced and stores issued or distributed by or under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and who shall report from time to time, all such settlements as shall have been made by him for money advanced or issued, for the inspection and revision of the accounting officers of the treasury. And the compensation of the said accountant shall be a yearly salary of one thousand six hundred dollars. And all letters and packages to and from said accountant by mail, shall be free of postage.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the treasurer of the United States shall disburse all such money as shall have been previously ordered for the use of the department of the navy, by warrants from the treasury, which disbursements shall be made pursuant to warrants from the Secretary of the Navy, countersigned by the accountant.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all purchases and contracts for supplies or services for the military and naval service of the United States, shall be made by or under the direction of the chief officers of the departments of war and the navy respectively, and all agents or contractors for supplies or services as aforesaid, shall render their accounts for settlement to the accountant of the proper department for which such supplies or services are required, subject nevertheless to the inspection and revision of the officers of the treasury in manner before prescribed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the purveyor of public supplies, to execute all such orders as he may, from time to time, receive from the Secretary of War or Secretary of the Navy, relative to the procuring and providing of all kinds of stores and supplies; and shall render his accounts relative thereto to the accountants of the proper departments, which accounts shall be subject to the inspection and revision of the officers of the treasury as aforesaid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the act passed on the eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, intituled "An act making alterations in the Treasury and War departments," and the act passed on the twenty-third day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, intituled "An act to establish the office of Purveyor of public supplies," so far as the same are repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all contracts to be made, by virtue of this act, or of any law of the United States, and requiring the advance of money, or to be in any manner connected with the settlement of public accounts, shall be deposited in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, within ninety days after their dates, respectively.

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