

# ACTS OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the seventh day of December, 1795, and ended on the first of June, 1796.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President; JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; SAMUEL LIVERMORE, President of the Senate pro tempore; JONATHAN DAYTON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE I.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Support of Government, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.*

Feb. 5, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Specific appropriations for support of government, for 1796.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That for defraying the expenditure of the civil list of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, together with the incidental and contingent expenses of the several departments and offices thereof, there be appropriated a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred and thirty thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars and eighty-five cents; that is to say:

For the compensations granted by law to the President and Vice President of the United States, thirty thousand dollars.

President and Vice President.

For the like compensations to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, their officers and attendants, estimated for a session of six months continuance, one hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred and sixty dollars.

Senate and House of Representatives.

For the expenses of firewood, stationery, printing-work, and all other contingent expenses of the two houses of Congress, eleven thousand five hundred dollars.

For the compensations granted by law to the Chief Justice, Associate Judges, District Judges, and Attorney General, forty-three thousand six hundred dollars.

For defraying the expense of clerks of courts, jurors and witnesses, in aid of the fund arising from fines, forfeitures and penalties; and likewise for defraying the expenses of prosecutions for offences against the United States, and for safe keeping of prisoners, twenty thousand dollars.

For making good deficiencies in the last-mentioned fund, in the appropriation of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, ten thousand dollars.

For compensation to the Secretary of State, clerks and persons employed in that department, seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

For incidental and contingent expenses in the said department, twenty-three thousand three hundred and eighty dollars.

For compensation to the Secretary of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing and all other contingent expenses in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, five hundred dollars.

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For compensation to the Comptroller of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, ten thousand nine hundred dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing and all other contingent expenses in the Comptroller's office, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Treasurer, clerks and persons employed in his office, four thousand four hundred dollars.

For expense of firewood, stationery, printing, rent, and other contingencies in the treasurer's office, six hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Auditor of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, eleven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing, and other contingent expenses in the auditor's office, six hundred dollars.

For compensation to the commissioner of the revenue, clerks and persons employed in his office, five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing, and all other contingent expenses in the office of the commissioner, four hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Register of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing, and all other contingent expenses in the register's office (including books for the public stocks) two thousand eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the purveyor of public supplies, including his salary from the time of his appointment to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, three thousand six hundred and ninety-four dollars and forty-four cents.

For the payment of rent for the several houses employed in the treasury department (except the treasurer's office) one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents.

For expense of firewood and candles in the several offices of the treasury department, (except the treasurer's office) three thousand dollars.

For defraying the expense incident to the stating and printing the public accounts, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, one thousand dollars.

For the payment of certain incidental and contingent expenses of the treasury department, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, beyond the sum which was appropriated, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the several loan officers, thirteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

For payment of clerks allowed to several of the loan offices, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, by an act of the last session of Congress, ten thousand one hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Secretary of War, clerks and persons employed in his office, seven thousand and fifty dollars.

For expense of firewood, stationery, printing, rent, and other contingent expenses of the office of the Secretary of War (including the rent of the General Post Office which is kept under the same roof) one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the accountant to the War department, clerks and persons employed in his office, six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

For contingent expenses in the office of the accountant to the War department, six hundred dollars.

For compensations to the following officers of the Mint: The Director, two thousand dollars; the Treasurer, one thousand two hundred dollars; the Assayer, one thousand five hundred dollars; the Chief Coiner, one thousand five hundred dollars; the Melter and Refiner, one

thousand five hundred dollars; the Engraver, one thousand two hundred dollars; three clerks, at five hundred dollars each, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For the purchase of copper for the use of the mint, thirteen thousand dollars.

For defraying the expenses of labourers in the different branches of refining, melting and coining at the mint, eight thousand dollars.

For the pay of mechanics employed in repairing and making machinery for the mint, three thousand two hundred and sixty-four dollars.

For the purchase of ironmongery, lead, wood, coals, stationery, office-furniture, and for other contingencies of the establishment of the mint, eight thousand seven hundred dollars.

For making good deficiencies in the former appropriations for the mint, to the end of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, eighteen thousand three hundred dollars.

For compensations to the governors, secretaries and judges of the territory northwest, and the territory south of the river Ohio, ten thousand three hundred dollars.

For expenses of stationery, office-rent, printing, patents for lands, and other contingent expenses in both the said territories, seven hundred dollars.

For the payment of sundry pensions, granted by the late government, two thousand and seven dollars and seventy-three cents.

For the annual allowance to the widow and orphan children of Colonel John Harding, and to the orphan children of Major Alexander Trueman, by the act of Congress of the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For the annual allowance for the education of Hugh Mercer, son of the late Major General Mercer, by the act of Congress of the second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, four hundred dollars.

For the discharge of such demands against the United States, on account of the civil department, not otherwise provided for, as shall have been ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement, at the treasury, and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie, three thousand dollars.

*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted*, That for the support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six; and to satisfy certain miscellaneous claims, stated in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fourteenth of December last, there be appropriated a sum not exceeding thirty-seven thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars and nine cents, that is to say:

For the maintenance and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, public piers, and stakeage of channels, bars and shoals, twenty-four thousand dollars.

To repay David Lenox, late marshal of the district of Pennsylvania, for payments made, with the approbation of the judge of the said district, to sundry persons, for summoning jurors to attend the district court of Pennsylvania, upon the trial of sundry persons committed for high treason, two hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty-eight cents.

For the payment of a balance due to Lewis Pintard, agent for American prisoners in the city of New York, during the late war, four hundred and twenty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents.

For the payment of a balance due to the representatives of Thomas Smith, late commissioner of the loan office for the state of Pennsylvania, nine thousand and eleven dollars and ninety-seven cents.

For the payment of a balance due to the representatives of Joseph

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Pensions.

1793, ch. 14.

1793, ch. 23.

For support of lighthouses, &c.

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Clark, late commissioner of the loan office for the state of Rhode Island, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four dollars and three cents.

For the discharge of such miscellaneous demands against the United States, other than those on account of the civil department, not otherwise provided for, and which shall have been ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the treasury, and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie, two thousand dollars.

Ante, p. 138.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the several appropriations herein before made, shall be paid and discharged out of the fund of six hundred thousand dollars, reserved by the act "making provision for the debt of the United States."

APPROVED, February 5, 1796.

#### STATUTE I.

Feb. 19, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Act of March 3, 1797, ch. 25.  
Extension of the term for receiving on loan the domestic debt.

Ante, p. 138.

Proviso.

Reimbursement of part of the principal.

1795, ch. 45.

Provision for the payment of interest to non-subscribers.

Ante, p. 138.

CHAP. II.—*An Act further extending the time for receiving on Loan the Domestic Debt of the United States.*

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the term for receiving on loan that part of the domestic debt of the United States, which has not been subscribed, in pursuance of the provisions heretofore made by law for that purpose, be, and the same is hereby further extended, until the thirty-first day of December next, on the same terms and conditions, as are contained in the act, intituled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States:." *Provided*, That the books for receiving the said subscriptions shall be opened only at the treasury of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful to reimburse so much of the principal of the debt or stock, which may be subscribed, pursuant to this act, as will make the reimbursement thereof equal in proportion and degree, to that of the same stock subscribed antecedent to the present year; and the said reimbursement shall be made at the expiration of the quarter in which such debt or stock shall be subscribed, and pursuant to the rules and conditions prescribed by the act, intituled "An act making further provision for the support of public credit, and for the redemption of the public debt."

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That such of the creditors of the United States, as have not subscribed, and shall not subscribe to the said loan, shall, nevertheless, receive, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, a rate per centum on the amount of such of their demands as have been registered, or as shall be registered at the treasury, conformably to the directions in the act, intituled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," equal to the interest which would be payable to them as subscribing creditors.

APPROVED, February 19, 1796.

#### STATUTE I.

March 10, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Allowance to senators.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act for allowing compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, and to certain officers of both Houses.*

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That at every session of Congress, and at every meeting of the Senate in the recess of Congress, from and after the third day of March in the present year, each Senator shall be entitled to receive six dollars for every day he shall attend the Senate; and shall also be allowed, at the commencement and end of every such session and meeting, six dollars for every twenty miles of the estimated distance, by the most usual road, from his place of residence to the seat of Congress: And in case any member of