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March 19, 1798.

Chap. XVIII.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and for other purposes.*

[Obsolete.]
Specific appropriations.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the expenditure of the civil list; for the support of consuls to the coast of Barbary; for the support of the mint establishment, lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; and to satisfy certain miscellaneous claims stated in the report of the secretary of the treasury, of the eighth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, together with the incidental and contingent expenses of the several departments, and the offices thereof, the following sums be, respectively appropriated. That is to say:—For the compensations granted by law to the President and Vice President of the United States, thirty thousand dollars.

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 thousand, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For the expense of firewood, stationery, printing work, and all other contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress, thirteen thousand dollars.

For the compensations granted by law to the chief justice, associate judges, district judges, and attorney general, forty-four thousand nine 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 prosecution for offences against the United States, and for safe keeping of prisoners, thirty thousand dollars.

For compensation to the Secretary of State, clerks and persons employed in that department, nine thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars and thirty-four cents.

For incidental and contingent expenses in the said department, six thousand five hundred and eighty dollars.

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

For compensation to the Comptroller of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, eleven thousand eight hundred and fifty 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 other persons employed in his office, four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

For expense of firewood, stationery, printing, rent, and all 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 nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For expense of stationery, printing and all other contingent expenses in the Auditor's office, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the Commissioner of the Revenue, clerks and persons employed in his office, five thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars.

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

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For compensation to the Register of the Treasury, clerks and persons employed in his office, fifteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars.

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

For compensation to the Purveyor of Public Supplies, two thousand dollars, and five hundred dollars for a clerk.

For compensation to the Secretary of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For the payment of rent for the several houses employed in the Treasury department, (except the Treasurer's office,) two thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars and sixty-six cents.

For expense of firewood and candles in the several offices of the Treasury department, (except the Treasurer's office,) three thousand five hundred dollars.

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

For defraying the expense incident to the removal of the books and records of the Treasury department, and for the rent of a house for several of the offices near Gray's Ferry, on the Schuylkill, during part of the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, four hundred and fifty-four dollars and forty-one cents.

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

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

For expense of firewood, stationery, printing, rent and other contingent expenses of the office of the Secretary of War, two thousand dollars.

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

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

For compensation to the Surveyor General, two thousand dollars.

For compensation to the assistant surveyors, chain carriers, axe men and other persons employed in carrying into effect the surveys to be made by the act, intituled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, in the territory northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river," in addition to former appropriations, eight thousand dollars. 1796. ch. 29.

For compensation to the Governor, Secretary and Judges of the territory northwest of the river Ohio, five thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

For expenses of stationery, office rent, printing patents for land, and other contingent expenses in the said territory, three hundred and fifty dollars.

For the payment of sundry pensions granted by the late government, one thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars and thirty-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. 1793, ch. 14.

For the discharge of such demands against the United States, on account of the civil department, not otherwise provided for, as shall be ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the Treasury,

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and which are of a nature, according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie, one thousand dollars.

For the compensations to Consuls to Barbary powers, for six months, the former appropriation being for one year, five thousand 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 wages of persons employed at the different branches of melting, refining, coining, carpenters, millwrights and smiths' work, including the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum allowed to an assistant coiner and die forger, who also oversees the execution of the iron work, six thousand dollars.

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

For the maintenance and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers, and stakeage of channels, bars and shoals, and for occasional improvement in the construction of lanterns, and of the lamps and materials used in them, including an allowance for the increased number of lighthouses, and for the advanced price of spermaceti oil, thirty-six thousand dollars.

For the balance carried to the "surplus fund," of an appropriation for building a lighthouse near the entrance of Georgetown harbour, in the state of South Carolina, five thousand dollars.

For the additional expense estimated as necessary for erecting the said lighthouse, two thousand dollars.

For the payment of Nicholas Fish, supervisor of the revenue for the district of New York, so much short of an appropriation for the purchase of land at Montock-point, in the state of New York, for the purpose of erecting a lighthouse thereon, two hundred and fifty-five dollars and twelve cents.

For the purchase of presses, the engraving of dies, and other expenses incident to the preparations made and to be made, for executing the act

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intituled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," passed the sixth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, nine thousand dollars.

For the expense incurred by the committee of the House of Representatives, on the impeachment of William Blount; for the compensation of the members, and for incidental charges as estimated by the chairman of the committee, two thousand six hundred and twenty-six dollars.

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

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several appropriations herein before made, shall be paid and discharged out of the fund of six

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hundred thousand dollars, reserved by the act "making provision for the debt of the United States," together with so much as may be necessary of the proceeds of the duties on imports, and the tonnage of ships and vessels, and the duties on domestic distilled spirits and stills, which shall accrue until the close of the present year.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be, and hereby is further appropriated, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury of

the United States not otherwise appropriated, the following sums, to wit:

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For the payment of awards by the commissioners appointed in pursuance of the sixth article of the treaty of amity, commerce and navigation, between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the debts due by citizens of the United States, to British subjects, three hundred thousand dollars.

For defraying the extraordinary expenses of ascertaining the river St. Croix, under the fifth article of the said treaty, twelve thousand dollars.

For defraying the extraordinary expense of running and marking the boundary line between the territories of the United States and Spain, twelve thousand dollars.

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Chap. XX.—*An Act to amend the act intituled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper."*

[Repealed.]

Deduction on the purchase of stamped paper, &c. where the duties amount to more than $10.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever any person, other than officers employed in collecting the revenue of the United States, shall apply to any supervisor or inspector of the said revenue, at the office of such supervisor or inspector, for the purchase, at one time, of any quantity of vellum, parchment, or paper, stamped and marked in the manner directed by the act, intituled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," the whole amount of the duties on which quantity shall be ten dollars, or upwards, such supervisor or inspector shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to deliver to such person, such quantity of vellum, parchment or paper, stamped as aforesaid; the said person paying down the amount of the said duties, after deducting therefrom seven and one half per centum on such amount; which deduction the said supervisor or inspector is hereby authorized and required to allow.

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In such case purchaser to pay the value of the vellum also, which shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any stamped vellum, or parchment, shall be applied for, and delivered, in the manner aforesaid, the said purchaser, in order to become entitled to the aforesaid deduction, shall pay to the said supervisor, or inspector, in addition to the amount of the said duties, a reasonable rate for and on account of the price of the said vellum, or parchment, which rate the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to fix, as nearly as may be, according to the actual cost of those articles.

The same deduction to be made where paper is brought to be stamped.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any person, other than officers employed in the collection of the revenue of the United States, shall bring any vellum, parchment, or paper, to be stamped, in the manner directed by the aforesaid act, in any quantity, at one time, the whole amount of the duties for stamping which shall be ten dollars, or upwards, the officer stamping such vellum, parchment or paper, pursuant to the directions of the said act, shall be, and hereby is authorized and required to make to such person the same allowance and deduction on the amount of the said duties, as is directed by the first section of this act, to be made in the cases therein mentioned.

No additional charge for the paper.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the stamped paper, required by the aforesaid act to be furnished to the citizens of the United States, by the treasury department, shall be furnished at the rate of duty provided by that act, without any additional charge on account of the price of paper, or any other expense, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding; and that all paper for the purposes aforesaid, shall be furnished at the expense of the United States, by the Secretary of the Treasury department, who is hereby authorized to employ annually a

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