Statute II.
April 27, 1798.

[Obsolete.]

CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act to provide an additional Armament for the further protection of the trade of the United States; and for other purposes.*

President authorized to cause a number of armed vessels, not exceeding twelve, to be procured and fitted out.

SECTION 1. *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 and empowered, to cause to be built, purchased or hired, a number of vessels, not exceeding twelve, nor carrying more than twenty-two guns each, to be armed, fitted out and manned under his direction.

Number and grade of officers, pay, subsistence, term of service, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the number and grade of the officers to be appointed for the service of the said vessels, shall be fixed by the President of the United States, as well as the number of men of which the respective crews shall be composed, who, as well officers as seamen and marines, shall receive the same pay and subsistence, be entitled to the same advantages and compensations, be governed by the same rules and regulations, and be engaged for the same time, and on the same conditions, as by an act of the United States, passed the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An act providing a naval armament," is ascertained and established, as fully, as if the particular provisions of that act, having reference thereto, were herein inserted at large. *Provided always, and be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the term of enlistment of the seamen and marines, to be employed in any vessel of the United States, to be extended beyond one year, if the vessel should then be at sea, and until ten days after such vessel shall arrive in some convenient port of the United States, thereafter; any thing contained in this act, or in the act entitled "An act providing a naval armament," to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ante, p. 523.

During the recess of the Senate the President may appoint officers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers of the aforesaid vessels may, during the recess of the Senate, be appointed and commissioned by the President alone.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and are hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, beyond the appropriations that may heretofore have been charged thereon, for the purpose of carrying the objects of this act into effect.

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Statute II.
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[Obsolete.]

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act to provide an additional regiment of Artillerists and Engineers.*

Additional regiment shall be engaged for five years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an additional regiment of artillerists and engineers shall and may be engaged, by voluntary enlistments, to serve for the term of five years, unless sooner discharged, and to be organized as follows; that is to say: There shall be one lieutenant-colonel commandant, one adjutant, one surgeon and three battalions, each to consist of one major, one adjutant and paymaster, one surgeon's mate, and four companies, of one captain, two lieutenants, two cadets with the pay, clothing and rations of a sergeant, four sergeants, four corporals, forty-two privates, sappers and miners, ten artificers to serve as privates, and two musicians in each company.

Organization thereof.

To form a part of the military establishment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the additional regiment which shall be raised pursuant to this act, shall be considered as a part of the military establishment of the United States, for the time being; and the commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, artificers and musicians, who shall engage in the said regiment, shall be entitled to the

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