

missioned officers, musicians, artificers and privates of the present military establishment: *Provided*, the officers and riding master furnish their own horses and accoutrements, and actually keep in service the aforesaid number of horses to entitle them to the foregoing allowance for forage, or its equivalent in money: *And provided also*, that the whole or any part of the regiment of light dragoons shall be liable to serve on foot as light infantry until by order of the President of the United States, horses and accoutrements shall be provided to equip the whole or any part thereof, as mounted dragoons.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, cadets, non-commissioned officers, musicians, artificers, and privates, raised pursuant to this act, shall be entitled to the like compensation in case of disability by wounds and otherwise, incurred in the service, as the officers, cadets, non-commissioned officers, musicians, artificers and privates in the present military establishment, and with them shall be subject to the rules and articles of war which have been established or may be hereafter, by law, be established: And that the provisions of the act, intituled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," relative to the widow, child, or children of any commissioned officer who shall die, while in the service of the United States, by reason of any wound received in actual service of the United States, to courts martial, the regulation and compensation of recruiting officers, the age, size, qualifications and bounties of recruits, arrears of pay, the bonds and duties of paymasters, penalties for desertion, punishment of persons who shall procure or entice any soldier to desert, or shall purchase from any soldier his arms, uniform, clothing or any part thereof; and the punishment of any commanding officer of any ship or vessel who shall receive on board of his ship or vessel, as one of his crew, knowing him to have deserted, or otherwise carry away any such soldier, or shall refuse to deliver him up to the orders of his commanding officer, to the oath or affirmation to be taken and subscribed by officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, to the allowance for extra expense to any commissioned officer in travelling and sitting on general courts martial, to arrests of non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates for debts, to the allowance to soldiers discharged from service, except by way of punishment, shall be in force and applied to all persons, matters and things within the intent and meaning of this act, in the same manner as if they were inserted at large in the same.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the subsistence of the officers of the army, when not received in kind, shall be estimated at twenty cents per ration.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be appointed to each brigade one chaplain, who shall be entitled to the same pay and emoluments as a major in the infantry.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That in the recess of the Senate the President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint all or any of the officers, other than the general officers, proper to be appointed under this act, which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate, at the next session, for their advice and consent.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That every commissioned and staff officer to be appointed in virtue of this act shall be a citizen of the United States, or some one of the territories thereof.

APPROVED, April 12, 1808.

Officers to furnish their own horses.

The regiment of light dragoons to serve as infantry until equipped.

Same provisions extended to the present force as that already raised, as to compensation.

1802, ch. 9.

Subsistence of officers estimated at twenty cents per ration.

A chaplain to be appointed to each brigade.

His pay, &c. President may make appointments in recess of the Senate.

Commissioned and staff officers must be citizens of U. States.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act to authorize the transportation of certain documents by mail, free of postage.*

April 13, 1808.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the members of Congress,

[Obsolete.]
President's message, &c.

&c. of March 22, 1808, may be transported by mail free of postage.

By whom in that case to be sent.

the secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby authorized to transmit free of postage, the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and the documents accompanying the same, and the documents accompanying the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of March, printed by order of the Senate and House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States, and territories thereof, to which they may respectively direct; and it shall be a duty of the secretary of the Senate, and of the clerk of the House of Representatives, to send by the mail, the printed copies of the same message and documents, or any part thereof that may remain after Congress shall adjourn, and the same shall be conveyed free of postage as aforesaid, conformably to the directions of the members of each house of Congress respectively: any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, April 13, 1808.

STATUTE I.

April 19, 1808.

[Expired.]

Act of March 3, 1805, ch. 41, continued in force for two years.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act to continue in force, for a further time, an act intituled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act, intituled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction," passed on the third day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five, be, and the same hereby is continued in force for the term of two years, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

APPROVED, April 19, 1808.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1808.

[Expired.]

Act of March 17, 1800, ch. 15, revived and continued in force until March 3, 1814. 1800, ch. 15. 1814, ch. 60.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to revive and continue in force "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland and Georgia."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act which passed the seventeenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred, intituled "An act declaring the assent of Congress, to certain acts of the states of Maryland and Georgia," be, and the same is hereby revived and continued in force until the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

APPROVED, April 20, 1808.

STATUTE I.

April 21, 1808.

No member of Congress to have any public contract, under the authority of the U. States, directly or indirectly.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act concerning public contracts.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, no member of Congress shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other person whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit, or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in the whole or in part, any contract or agreement hereafter to be made or entered into with any officer of the United States, in their behalf, or with any person authorized to make contracts on the part of the United States; and if any member of Congress shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other person whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit, or on his account, enter into, accept of, agree for, undertake or execute any such contract or agreement, in the whole, or in part, every member so offending, shall, for every such offence, upon conviction