

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act supplementary to the act for increasing the Navy.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to have built six sloops of war, and to have the same manned, equipped, and commissioned for service; and that the President be authorized to have built, or procured, such a number of sloops of war, or other armed vessels, to be manned, equipped, and commissioned, as the public service may require, on the lakes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint such officers and to employ the number of seamen which may be necessary for such vessels as are authorized by law to be put in commission, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That for the building or procuring said vessels, and for the payment of two hundred thousand dollars, for vessels already procured on the lakes, by direction of the President, that the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of establishing a dock yard, for repairing the vessels of war, in such central and convenient place on the seaboard as the President of the United States shall designate.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to contract for the building any of the six forty-four gun ships authorized by law: *Provided,* that the building be under inspection of an agent appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be authorized to sell or dispose of such and so many of the gun boats belonging to the United States as may have become unfit for service, or as in his judgment may no longer be necessary to be retained by the government.

APPROVED, March 3, 1813.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1813.

Act of Feb. 27, 1815, ch. 62.

Sloops of war to be built, manned, and equipped for service, &c.

Vessels to be prepared for the lakes.

Officers to be appointed, &c. &c.

Specific appropriation for the purposes of this act.

Appropriation for a dock yard.

President may contract for building any of the forty-four gun ships.

Sale of gun boats authorized.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1813.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for defraying the expenses of the navy, during the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the following sums be, and the same hereby are respectively appropriated, that is to say:

For the pay and subsistence of the officers, and pay of the seamen, one million six hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars, and for pay due to the officers and crews of the public ships and other vessels in commission for the year one thousand eight [hundred] and twelve, three hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

For provisions, seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For medicines, instruments, hospital stores, and all expenses on account of the sick, one hundred thousand dollars.

For repair of vessels, six hundred and forty thousand dollars.

For freight, store rent, and all other contingent expenses, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For expenses of navy yards, comprising docks and other improvements, pay of superintendents, storekeepers, clerks, and labourers, ninety thousand dollars.