ACTS OF THE FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the fourth day of December, 1815, and ended on the thirtieth day of April, 1816.

JAMES MADISON, President of the United States; JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. (a)

STATUTE I.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States, to lease for the term therein mentioned, the new building on Capitol hill, with the appurtenances, for the better accommodation of Congress.* Dec. 8, 1815.

President authorized to lease a house on Capitol hill, for the use of Congress.

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 be, and he hereby is authorized to lease in behalf of the United States, from the owners thereof, the new building on Capitol Hill, on square seven hundred and twenty-eight, with the adjoining buildings and appurtenances, for the term of one year next after the passing of this act, and from thence until the capitol is in a state of readiness for the reception of Congress, at a rent not exceeding sixteen hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to be paid half yearly by the United States: *Provided always,* That any lease to be executed by virtue of this act shall and may be determinable, at any time after the expiration of the first year, at the pleasure of Congress. Proviso.

A sum to be paid for fixtures, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so soon as the lease aforesaid shall have been duly executed, it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, to pay to the owners aforesaid, the sum of five thousand dollars, for fixtures, and other extraordinary expenses, incurred in fitting up the said buildings, and otherwise preparing them for the better accommodation of Congress; and that for this purpose the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Appropriation of $5000.

APPROVED, December 8, 1815.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of the army and militia, during the late war with Great Britain.* Dec. 21, 1815.

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 military establishment, and those incurred by calling out the militia, during the late war with Great Britain, in addition to the

(a) The decease of the Honourable Elbridge Gerry, Vice President of the United States, took place before the meeting of Congress in December, 1815.

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