

# ACTS OF THE SECOND CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1791, and ended on the ninth day of May, 1792.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President, JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, RICHARD HENRY LEE, President of the Senate pro tempore, JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE I.

Nov. 8, 1791.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act granting farther Time for making Return of the Enumeration of the Inhabitants in the District of South Carolina.*

[Obsolete.]  
Time for making return extended to 1st March 1792.

Act of March 1, 1790, ch. 2.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be lawful for the marshal of the district of South Carolina to complete and make return of the enumeration of the inhabitants of the said district, to the President of the United States, in the form and manner prescribed by the act, intituled "An act providing for the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States," at any time on or before the first day of March next, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 8, 1791.

### STATUTE I.

Dec. 23, 1791.

CHAP. III.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Support of Government for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.*

[Obsolete.]  
Specific appropriations for 1792.

Civil list.

Compensations to the President and Vice President, judges and attorney-general; District judges; Members of Senate and H. of representatives, officers and attendants; Secretary and officers of the treasury, clerks and attendants, and loan officers.

Compensations to Secretary of State and officers.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the service of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and the support of the civil list of the United States, including the incidental and contingent expenses of the several departments and offices thereof, there shall be appropriated a sum of money not exceeding three hundred and twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and fifty-three dollars, and fifty-six cents; that is to say:

For the compensations granted by law to the President of the United States, the Vice President, Chief Justice, Associate Judges, and Attorney General, fifty-three thousand dollars.

For the like compensations to the District Judges, nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the like compensations to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the officers and attendants of the two Houses, estimated on a session of six months continuance, and including the travelling expenses of the members, one hundred and twenty-nine thousand, seven hundred and thirty dollars.

For the like compensations to the Secretary and officers of the several departments of the Treasury of the United States, including clerks and attendants, and the salaries of the respective loan officers, sixty thousand three hundred dollars.

For the like compensations to the Secretary and officers of the department of State, six thousand three hundred dollars.

For the like compensations to the Secretary and officers of the department of War, nine thousand six hundred dollars.

Secretary of War and officers, Board of commissioners, clerks, &c.

For the like compensations to the members of the Board of Commissioners, for the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual states, including clerks and attendants, thirteen thousand one hundred dollars.

For the like compensations to the Governors, Judges and other officers of the Western Territory of the United States, including contingencies, eleven thousand dollars.

Governors, judges and other officers of W. Territory. B. Steuben.

For the payment of the annual grant to Baron Steuben, pursuant to an act of Congress, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the payment of sundry pensions granted by the late government, two thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and seventy-three cents.

Pensions.

For defraying all other incidental and contingent expenses of the civil list establishment, including firewood, stationary, together with the printing work, and all other contingent expenses of the two houses of Congress, rent and office expenses of the three several departments, namely, Treasury, State, War, and of the General Board of Commissioners, twenty-one thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars, and eighty-three cents.

Incidental expenses of civil list, &c. and the two Houses of Congress, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensation to the door-keepers of the two houses, for services which have been heretofore rendered or may be rendered in the recess of Congress for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and certified by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives, in manner required by law, for like services during sessions, shall be discharged out of the money herein before appropriated for the contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress.

To the door-keepers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for discharging certain liquidated claims upon the United States, for making good deficiencies in former appropriations for the support of the civil list establishment, and for aiding the fund appropriated for the payment of certain officers of the courts, jurors and witnesses, and for the establishment of ten cutters, there shall be appropriated a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and ninety-seven thousand, one hundred and nineteen dollars, and forty-nine cents; that is to say:

For liquidated claims, deficiencies in civil list, payment of officers, &c. of courts, and ten cutters.

For discharging a balance due on a liquidated claim of his most Christian Majesty against the United States, for supplies during the late war, nine thousand and twenty dollars, and sixty-eight cents.

Balance due his Christian Majesty.

For payment of the principal and interest on a liquidated claim of Oliver Pollock, late commercial agent of the United States, at New Orleans, for supplies of clothing, arms, and military stores, during the late war, one hundred and eight thousand, six hundred and five dollars, and two cents: *Provided*, That the said monies be not paid to the said Oliver Pollock, without the consent of the agents of the court of Spain.

Claim of O. Pollock.

For making good deficiencies in the last appropriations for the compensations to sundry officers of the civil list establishment, five thousand four hundred and seventy-one dollars.

Deficiencies of civil list.

For defraying sundry authorized expenses to the commissioners of loans in the several states, twenty-one thousand dollars.

For sundry expenses.

For defraying a balance of certain liquidated and contingent expenses in the treasury department, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

For defraying the additional expense of the enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States, nineteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and seventy-nine cents.

For making good a deficiency in former appropriations, to discharge the expenses to clerks, jurors and witnesses in the courts of the United States, five thousand dollars.

For the maintenance and repair of light houses, beacons, piers, stakes and buoys, sixteen thousand dollars.

For the expense of keeping prisoners committed under the authority of the United States, four thousand dollars.

For the expense of clerks and books in arranging the public securities, two thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

For the purchase of hydrometers for the use of the officers in the execution of the laws of revenue, one thousand dollars.

For the farther expense of building and equipping ten cutters, two thousand dollars.

For military establishment for 1792.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for the support of the military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the payment of the annual allowances to the invalid pensioners of the United States, for defraying all expenses incident to the Indian department, and for defraying the expenses incurred in the defensive protection of the frontiers against the Indians, during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, by virtue of the authority vested in the President of the United States, by the acts relative to the military establishment, passed the twenty-ninth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and the thirtieth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and for which no appropriations have been made, there shall be appropriated a sum of money, not exceeding five hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and forty-nine dollars, seventy-six cents, and two thirds of a cent; that is to say:

For the pay of the troops, one hundred and two thousand six hundred and eighty-six dollars.

For subsistence, one hundred and nineteen thousand, six hundred and eighty-eight dollars, and ninety-seven cents.

For clothing, forty-eight thousand dollars.

For forage, four thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars.

For the hospital department, six thousand dollars.

For the quartermaster's department, fifty thousand dollars.

For the ordnance department, seven thousand two hundred and four dollars and sixty-four cents.

For the contingent expenses of the war department, including maps, hire of expresses, allowances to officers for extra expenses, printing, loss of stores of all kinds, advertising and apprehending deserters, twenty thousand dollars.

Compensation to sundry officers, &c.

For the discharge of certain sums due for pay and subsistence of sundry officers of the late army, and for pay of the late Maryland line, for which no appropriations have been made, ten thousand four hundred and ninety dollars, and thirty-six cents.

To invalid pensioners.

For the payment of the annual allowances to invalid pensioners, eighty-seven thousand four hundred and sixty-three dollars, sixty cents and two thirds of a cent.

Indian department.

For defraying all expenses incident to the Indian department, authorized by law, thirty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars, and seventy-one cents.

Frontiers.

For defraying the expenses incurred in the defensive protection of the frontiers, as before recited, thirty-seven thousand, three hundred and thirty-nine dollars, and forty-eight cents.

The funds for the several appropriations.

1790, ch. 34.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the several appropriations herein before made, shall be paid and discharged out of the funds following, to wit: first, out of the sum of six hundred thousand dollars which by the act, intituled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," is reserved, yearly, for the support of the government of the United States, and their common defence; and secondly, out of such surplus as shall have accrued to the end of the present year, upon

the revenues heretofore established, over and above the sums necessary for the payment of interest on the public debt during the same year, and for satisfying other prior appropriations.

APPROVED, December 23, 1791.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act for carrying into effect a Contract between the United States and the State of Pennsylvania.* January 3, 1792.

For duly conveying to the state of Pennsylvania a certain tract of land, the right to the government and jurisdiction whereof was relinquished to the said state by a resolution of Congress of the fourth day of September, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, and whereof the right of soil has been sold by virtue of a previous resolution of Congress of the sixth day of June in the said year;

*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 authorized, on fulfilment of the terms stipulated on the part of the state of Pennsylvania, to issue letters patent, in the name and under the seal of the United States, granting and conveying to the said state forever the said tract of land, as the same was ascertained by a survey made in pursuance of the resolution of Congress of the sixth day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

APPROVED, January 3, 1792.

Tract of land conveyed to Pennsylvania on certain conditions.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. V.—*An Act to extend the time limited for settling the Accounts of the United States with the individual States.* Jan. 23, 1792.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the powers of the Board of Commissioners which, by an act passed in the second session of the first Congress, was established to settle the accounts between the United States and individual states, shall continue until the first day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, unless the business shall be sooner accomplished.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid act shall extend to the settlement of the accounts between the United States and the state of Vermont: and that until the first day of December next shall be allowed for the said state to exhibit its claims.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the passing of this act, the pay of the principal clerk of the said board shall be the same as the pay of the principal clerk in the auditor's office.

APPROVED, January 23, 1792.

[Obsolete.]  
Board of commissioners for settlement of accounts continued till 1793. 1793, ch. 16.

To settle with Vermont. 1790, ch. 38.

Pay of principal clerk.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act concerning certain Fisheries of the United States, and for the regulation and government of the Fishermen employed therein.* Feb. 16, 1792.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the allowance now made upon the exportation of dried fish of the fisheries of the United States, in lieu of a drawback of the duties paid on the salt used in preserving the same, shall cease on all dried fish exported after the tenth day of June next, and as a commutation and equivalent therefor, there shall be afterwards paid on the last day of December annually, to the owner of every vessel or his agent, by the collector of the district where such vessel may belong, that shall be qualified agreeably to law, for carrying on the bank and other cod fisheries, and that shall actually have been employed therein at sea for the term of four months

[Expired.]  
Act of April 12, 1800, ch. 22.  
Allowance in lieu of drawback on exportation of dried fish limited to June 1792.  
Act of June 19, 1813. Act of July 29, 1813.  
And as an equivalent each