

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH 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 Thursday, the fourth day of July, A. D. 1861, and ended on Tuesday, the sixth day of August, A. D. 1861.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. SOLOMON FOOTE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the eighteenth day of July, and continued so to act until the close of the session. GALUSHA A. GROW, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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CHAP. I. — *An Act to refund and remit the Duties on Arms imported by States.*

July 10, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to refund and remit the duties and imposts on all arms imported into the United States since the first day of May last, or which may be imported before the first day of January next, by, or for the account of any State: *Provided,* The Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied that the said arms are intended, in good faith, for the use of the troops of any State which is, or may be engaged in aiding to suppress the insurrection now existing against the United States.

Duties to be remitted on arms imported by States between May 1, 1861, and Jan. 1, 1862.

Proviso.  
Post, p. 274.

APPROVED, July 10, 1861.

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CHAP. II. — *An Act to provide for the Payment of the Militia and Volunteers called into the Service of the United States from the Time they were called into Service to the thirtieth Day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

July 13, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five millions seven hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the Government to pay the militia and volunteers called into service of the United States, being an additional amount required for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Appropriation for pay of volunteers.

APPROVED, July 13, 1861.

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CHAP. III. — *An Act further to provide for the Collection of Duties on Imports, and for other Purposes.*

July 13, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever it shall in the judgment of the President, by reason of unlawful combinations of persons in opposition to the laws of the United States, become impracticable to

When impracticable to collect duties at any port of entry in any

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\* This session was called by Proclamation of the President, dated April 15th, 1861. See Appendix, Proclamation, No. 3, *post*, p. 1258.