

the Navy, or as may be required by law, and who shall act as Secretary of the Navy in the absence of that officer.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be added to the clerical force of the Navy Department eight additional clerks, with a salary of twelve hundred dollars each per annum.

Additional clerks in the Navy Department.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act making an Appropriation to pay the Expenses of transporting and delivering Arms and Munitions of War to the loyal Citizens of the States of which the Inhabitants now are or hereafter may be in Rebellion against the Government of the United States, and to provide for the Expense of organizing them into Companies, Battalions, Regiments, or otherwise, for their own Protection against domestic Violence, Insurrection, Invasion, or Rebellion.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the President of the United States, in supplying and defraying the expenses of transporting and delivering such arms and munitions of war as in his judgment may be expedient and proper to place in the hands of any of the loyal citizens residing in any of the States of which the inhabitants are in rebellion against the Government of the United States, or in which rebellion is or may be threatened, and likewise for defraying such expenses as may be properly incurred in organizing and sustaining, while so organized, any of said citizens into companies, battalions, regiments, or otherwise, for their own protection against domestic violence, insurrection, invasion, or rebellion.

Loyal citizens of States in rebellion, appropriation to supply with arms.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act making an Appropriation for the Purchase of Arms for the Volunteers and Regular Troops of the United States.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of ten millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the President of the United States, for the purchase of arms for the use of the volunteers and regular troops of the United States.

Purchase of arms, appropriation for.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXX.—*An Act providing a Commission to examine and report as to the Compensation of all Officers of the Government, and for other Purposes.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of scaling, equalizing, and reducing the compensation of the various officers of the Government, a Board of Commissioners is hereby organized, to be composed as follows: Of two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate; three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one officer of the navy and one officer of the army, to be appointed by the President. That said Board shall examine and report, as soon as practicable: First, a fair and just compensation for each officer of the Government; second, such provisions of law as will regulate the expenditure of all indefinite and contingent appropriations, including those for the courts of the United States; third, regulations for the more economical collection of the revenue; fourth, what officers or employments, if any, may be dispensed with without detriment to the public service.

Board of Commissioners to equalize and reduce pay of officers of Government, appointment and duty of.

1862, ch. 52. Post, p. 316.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said commission have leave

May report to next session of Congress, and employ a clerk. to report by bill or bills, or otherwise, to each House at the next session of Congress, and have leave to employ a clerk, at a compensation not to exceed four dollars per day for the time actually needed.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act to increase the Medical Corps of the Navy.*

Medical corps of the Navy, in increase of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the medical corps of the Navy shall consist of eighty surgeons, and one hundred and twenty passed and other assistant-surgeons.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act in addition to an Act entitled "An Act further to provide for the Collection of Duties on Imports, and for other Purposes," approved July thirteenth, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

1861, ch. 3, § 5. Ante, p. 257.

When the inhabitants, &c. of any State may be declared to be in a state of insurrection.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the power of the President to declare the inhabitants of any State, or any part thereof, in a state of insurrection, as provided in the fifth section of the act to which this is an addition, shall extend to and include the inhabitants of any State, or part thereof, where such insurrection against the United States shall be found by the President at any time to exist.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act to define and punish certain Conspiracies.*

Certain conspiracies defined.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if two or more persons within any State or Territory of the United States shall conspire together to overthrow, or to put down, or to destroy by force, the Government of the United States, or to levy war against the United States, or to oppose by force the authority of the Government of the United States; or by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States; or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States against the will or contrary to the authority of the United States; or by force, or intimidation, or threat to prevent any person from accepting or holding any office, or trust, or place of confidence, under the United States; each and every person so offending shall be guilty of a high crime, and upon conviction thereof in any district or circuit court of the United States, having jurisdiction thereof, or district or supreme court of any Territory of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not less than five hundred dollars and not more than five thousand dollars; or by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, as the court shall determine, for a period not less than six months nor greater than six years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

How punished.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to reimburse Volunteers for Expenses incurred in employing regimental and other Bands, and for other Purposes.*

Money paid for certain regimental bands to be refunded. Procl. No. 3. Post, p. 1258.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to refund, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the volunteers called out by the President's proclamation of the fifteenth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, such sums of money as may have been expended by the said volunteers in the employment of regimental or company bands during the period of their service under said proclamation: *Provided,* The

Proviso.