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pensation for his services, in lieu of the compensation heretofore al-

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all letters and packets to or
from the Accountant of the department of War, shall be conveyed by
post, free of postage, under such restrictions as are provided by law, in
like cases.

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CHAP. XXXIII.—An Act respecting the Mint.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall
be appropriated for the purchase of copper for the further coinage of
cents and half cents, a sum equal to the amount of the cents and half
cents which shall have been coined at the mint, and delivered to the
treasurer of the United States, subsequent to the first day of January,
one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, which sum shall be payable
out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing
of this act, there shall be retained from every deposit in the mint, of
gold or silver bullion below the standard of the United States, such sum
as shall be equivalent to the expense incurred in refining the same, and
an accurate account of such expense on every deposit shall be kept, and
of the sums retained on account of the same, which shall be accounted
for by the treasurer of the mint, to the treasurer of the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall continue in force
for the term of two years from the passing thereof, and from thence until
the end of the next session of Congress thereafter holden, and no longer.

Approved, May 27, 1796.

CHAP. XXXIV.—An Act altering the Sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Dis-
tricts of Vermont and Rhode Island; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
from and after the first day of June next, the circuit court, for the district
of Vermont, shall be held at Rutland and Windsor, alternately, begin-
ing with the former, on the seventh day of November, and on the twelfth day of May, annually: Provided, when either of those days
shall be Sunday, the court shall be held on the day following.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the fall session of the cir-
cuit court, for the district of Rhode Island, shall be held on the nine-
teenth day of November, with the exception for Sunday, as is provided
in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the district court for the dis-
trict last aforesaid, instead of the several days heretofore prescribed,
shall be held annually, on the first Tuesday of August, the third Tues-
day of November, the first Tuesday of February, and the second Tues-
day of May.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That all writs and processes, of
whatever name or description, which may have issued from either of the
courts before mentioned, or which shall hereafter issue, the return of
which will be interrupted by this act, shall be returned to the terms of
the courts, respectively, next succeeding the terms, to which they were
made returnable: And the said writs and processes before mentioned,
together with all matters and business depending before either of the
courts before mentioned, shall be taken up and proceeded upon to final
issue and determination, in the same manner, and to the same effect, as

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[Expired.]
Act of Jan. 14,
1793, ch. 2.
Act of April
24, 1800, ch. 34.
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tained.

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[Obsolete.]

1802, ch. 31.

1804, ch. 31.

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cesses, &c.