may judge requisite for the protection of the commerce and seamen on the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Acts of hostility and precaution authorized.

Captured vessels to be brought into port, and proceeds of prizes distributed.

Commissions against Tripoli to be issued to private armed vessels.

Bonds of the owner and commander to be previously given.

Captured property may be condemned and distributed according to agreements.

Period for which seamen may be engaged to serve.

Chap. V.—An Act extending the privilege of franking and receiving letters, free of postage, to any person admitted, or to be admitted to take a seat in Congress, as a delegate; and providing compensation for such delegate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person admitted, or who may hereafter be admitted to take a seat in Congress, as a delegate, shall enjoy the privilege of sending and receiving letters, free of postage, on the same terms, and under the same restrictions, as are provided for the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives of the United States, by the act, intituled "An act to estab-
lish the post-office of the United States;" and that every such delegate so admitted to a seat, be, and he is hereby authorized to receive, free of postage, under the said restrictions, any letters directed to him, and which shall have arrived at the seat of government prior to the passage of this act: and that every such delegate shall receive for his travelling expenses and attendance in Congress, the same compensation as is or may be allowed, by law, to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, to be certified and paid in the same manner.

Approved, February 18, 1802.

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Statute I.

Feb. 23, 1802.

[Obsolete.] Specific appropriations.

Expenses allowed not to exceed the sums appropriated by law.