Chap. XVII.—An Act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, for the support of the army, during the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven; that is to say;

For the pay of the army, one million ninety thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars:

For the subsistence of officers, three hundred and thirty-two thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars:

For forage of officers' horses, seventy thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven dollars:

For clothing for officers' servants, twenty-six thousand five hundred and fifty dollars:

For payments in lieu of clothing to discharged soldiers, thirty thousand dollars:

For subsistence exclusive of that of officers, nine hundred and thirteen thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars, including the sum of three hundred and five thousand three hundred and seventy-two dollars, for the subsistence of the volunteers and militia called out for preventing or suppressing Indian hostilities:

For clothing of the army, camp and garrison equipage, cooking utensils, and hospital furniture, two hundred and six thousand nine hundred and forty dollars:

For the medical and hospital department, thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars:

For the regular supplies furnished by the Quartermaster's Department, consisting of fuel, forage, straw, stationery, and printing, two hundred and eighty thousand dollars:

For barracks, quarters, store-houses, embracing the repairs and enlargement of barracks, quarters, store-houses, and hospitals, at the several posts; the erection of temporary cantonments at such posts as shall be occupied during the year, and of gun-houses for the protection of the cannon at the forts on the seaboard, the purchase of the necessary tools and materials for the objects wanted, and of the authorized furniture for the barrack-rooms; rent of quarters for officers; of barracks for troops at posts where there are no public buildings for their accommodation; of store-houses for the safe-keeping of subsistence, clothing, &c., and of grounds for summer cantonments, encampments, and military practice, ninety-five thousand dollars:

For the allowance made to officers for the transportation of their baggage, when travelling on duty without troops, the sum of fifty thousand dollars:

For the transportation of troops and supplies, viz: transportation of the army, including the baggage of troops when moving either by land or water; freight and ferriages; purchase or hire of horses, mules, oxen, carts, wagons, and boats, for the purpose of transportation, or for the use of garrison; drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds for the pay department; expense of sailing a public transport between the posts on the Gulf of Mexico, and of procuring water at such posts as, from their situation, require it; the transportation of clothing from the depot at Philadelphia to the stations of the troops; of subsistence from the places of purchase, and the points of delivery under contracts, to such places as the circumstances of the service may require it to be sent; of ordnance from the
foundries and arsenals to the fortifications and frontier posts, and of lead from the western mines to the several arsenals, the sum of one hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars:

For the incidental expenses of the Quartermaster's Department, consisting of postage on public letters and packets; expenses of courts-martial and courts of inquiry, including the compensation of judge advocates, members, and witnesses; extra pay to soldiers, under an act of Congress of the second of March, eighteen hundred and nineteen; expenses of expresses from the frontier posts, of the necessary articles for the interment of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; hire of laborers; compensation to clerks in the offices of quartermasters and assistant quartermasters, at posts where their duties cannot be performed without such aid, and to temporary agents in charge of dismantled works, and in the performance of other duties; purchase of horses to mount the second regiment of dragoons, and expenditures necessary to keep the two regiments of dragoons complete, including the purchase of horses to supply the place of those which may be lost and become unfit for service, and the erection of additional stables, one hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars:

For contingencies of the army, three thousand dollars:

For two months' extra pay to re-enlisted soldiers, and for the contingent expenses of the recruiting service, thirty-four thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars:

For arrearages prior to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, payable through the office of the Third Auditor, one thousand dollars:

For the national armories, three hundred and sixty thousand dollars:

For the armament of the fortifications, two hundred thousand dollars:

For the current expenses of the ordnance service, one hundred and twenty-three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars:

For arsenals, three hundred and seventy-three thousand four hundred and twenty-nine dollars:

For the purchase of percussion cannon locks, fifteen thousand dollars:

For the manufacture of elevating machines for barbette and casemate carriages, eight thousand two hundred and fifty dollars:

For the manufacture of sponges for field and battery cannon, one thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars:

For the rifle factory at the Harper's Ferry armory, eight thousand five hundred and sixty-nine dollars:

For completing the barracks at Baton Rouge, being an amount expended out of the general appropriation for the Quartermaster's Department, and to enable the accounting officers to close the accounts, twenty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine dollars and five cents:

For completing the wharf at Fort Monroe, Virginia, five hundred dollars:

For constructing a river wall, making the embankment to the same, arching, stone-walling, repairing the embankment of the new canal, and for completing the tilt-hammer shop at Harper's Ferry, fifty-three thousand seven hundred and forty-three dollars:

For a magazine at the arsenal at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, five thousand dollars:

For the purchase of land, building a brick warehouse, and wharf, and making a turnpike road to the river at the arsenal at Mount Vernon, Alabama, in addition to former appropriations for these objects, six thousand six hundred dollars:

For enlarging the site at the arsenal at Frankford, Pennsylvania, one thousand dollars:
For a blacksmith's shop, a reservoir, and a gun-carriage house at Watertown, Massachusetts, twenty-three thousand one hundred dollars:

For the purchase of ten thousand copper rifle flasks, seventeen thousand dollars.

**Sec. 2. And be it further enacted,** That the following sums of money be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, on the requisition of the Secretary of War, and, so far as shall be necessary, the same shall be expended for the following purposes, to wit:

For pay, travelling, clothing for six months, and other legal expenses of the Tennessee volunteers, mustered into the service of the United States under the requisition of General Gaines, under date of April eighth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and the proclamation of Governor Cannon of twenty-eighth of the same month, and approved by the Secretary of War on the ninth of May, by direction of the President of the United States, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided,* That such of said volunteers as volunteered under the proclamation of Governor Cannon of the sixth of June or twentieth of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and were mustered into the service of the United States, and are entitled to clothing under the act of May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, shall not be paid for clothing out of the aforesaid appropriation:

For pay, travelling, clothing, and other legal expenses of the Tennessee volunteers, mustered into the service of the United States under the order of the Secretary of War of May twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and Governor Cannon’s proclamation of June sixth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, ninety-five thousand dollars:

For pay, travelling, clothing, and other legal expenses of the Tennessee volunteers, mustered into the service of the United States under General Gaines’ requisition, under date of June twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and Governor Cannon’s proclamation of July twentieth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, thirty-five thousand three hundred and ten dollars:

For the liabilities incurred by Governor Cannon in raising money; so far as said money has been properly expended in the service of the United States, on account of the aforesaid volunteers, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars:

For pay due the Executive staff of the Governor of Tennessee, while actually engaged in obtaining, organizing, mustering, or marching volunteers, during the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, to the places of their rendezvous, or making returns of said volunteers, three thousand dollars.

**Sec. 3. And be it further enacted,** That the Secretary at War be and he hereby is directed to cause to be paid to the volunteers and militia of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi, including the companies in Mississippi, mustered into the service, who were duly called into service, and whose service was accepted by the Executives of the States respectively, during the summer of the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, under requisitions from the Secretary at War or from generals commanding the troops of the United States, and who were discharged before marching, the amount of one month’s pay, with all the allowances to which they would have been entitled if they had been in actual service during the period of one month; and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

**Sec. 4. And be it further enacted,** That eleven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for paying the Rifle Rangers, Coosada volunteers, and the Independence Blues, under the command
of Major Holt, and for the payment of Major Holt and battalion staff or so much of said sum as may be necessary for those purposes be appropriated and paid on the presentation of the rolls of said companies and battalion staff to the Paymaster General, with evidence of the time they were in the service against the Creek Indians in the months of May and June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That one hundred thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for arming and equipping the militia of the United States, in addition to the appropriations here-fore made for that purpose.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That for paying the claims of the State of Connecticut for the services of her militia during the late war, to be audited and settled by the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, under the superintendence of the Secretary of War, in the following cases; first where the militia of the said State were called out to repel actual invasion, or under a well founded apprehension of invasion; provided their numbers were not in undue proportion to the exigency; secondly, where they were called out by the authority of the State and afterwards recognised by the Federal Government; and thirdly, where they were called out by, and served under the requisition of the President of the United States, or of any officer thereof, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, if so much be necessary for that purpose, be and the same is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That to pay all the claims of North Carolina for the services of her militia during the late war with Great Britain, in the cases enumerated in the act approved the thirty-first May, eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act to authorize the payment of the claims of the State of Massachusetts for certain services of her militia during the late war," and also the claims of said State, for disbursements in the purchase of munitions or other supplies on account of the war, and expended therein, the sum of thirty thou-sand dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated.

Approved, March 1, 1837.

Statute II.

March 2, 1837.

[Obsolete.]