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 Wash-

ington, 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 Presi-
dent 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.

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

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 in-
tended, 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.

Approved, July 10, 1861.

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.

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 appro-
piated, the sum of five millions seven hundred and sixty thousand dol-

ars, 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 thir-
tieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Approved, July 13, 1861.

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

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 imprac-
ticable to collect
duties at any port
of entry in any

* This session was called by Proclamation of the President, dated April 16th,
1861. See Appendix, Proclamation, No. 3, post, p. 1269.  

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