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

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 and other assistant-surgeons.

APPROVED, 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.

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.

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

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.

APPROVED, 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.

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
amount to be allowed shall not exceed that to be paid to volunteer bands regularly mustered into the service under the President's proclamation of May third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President, in accepting and organizing volunteers under the act entitled "An Act to authorize the employment of volunteers to aid in enforcing the laws and protecting public property," approved July twenty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, may accept the service of such volunteers without previous proclamation, and in such numbers from any State or States as, in his discretion, the public service may require.

Approved, July 31, 1861.

Chap. XXXV. — An Act to increase the Consular Representation of the United States during the present insurrection.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States may, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint consuls at any foreign ports where he shall deem it advisable, for the purpose of preventing piracy, with such compensation, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per annum, as he shall think proper; to hold their offices, respectively, during the pleasure of the President, and in every case such compensation to cease with the restoration of internal peace within the United States. And the President may, during the present insurrection, increase the compensation of any consuls in foreign ports, if he shall deem it necessary, so as not, however, to exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars in any case. But this power shall cease with the re-establishment of internal peace as aforesaid.

Approved, August 2, 1861.

Chap. XXXVI. — An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act entitled 'An Act providing for a Naval Peace Establishment and for other Purposes,' passed March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and four."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the above entitled act be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting after the word "captain," so that the President shall be authorized to select the superintendents of the several navy yards and heads of bureaus from the captains or commanders of the navy of the United States.

Approved, August 2, 1861.

Chap. XXXVII. — An Act concerning the Attorney-General and the Attorneys and Marshals of the several Districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General of the United States be, and he is hereby, charged with the general superintendence and direction of the attorneys and marshals of all the districts in the United States and the Territories as to the manner of discharging their respective duties; and the said district-attorneys and marshals are hereby required to report to the Attorney-General an account of their official proceedings, and the state and condition of their respective offices, in such time and manner as the Attorney-General may direct.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Attorney-General be, and he is hereby, empowered, whenever in his opinion the public interest may require it, to employ and retain (in the name of the United States) such attorneys and counsellors-at-law as he may think necessary to assist the district-attorneys in the discharge of their duties, and shall stipulate with such assistant counsel the amount of compensation.