

privates and musicians, shall never exceed five dollars per month: *And provided also*, that all inferior disabilities shall entitle the person so disabled, to receive an allowance proportionate to the highest disability.

The troops aforesaid to be governed by the articles of war.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians aforesaid, shall be governed by the rules and articles of war, which have been established by the United States in Congress assembled, [except so much of the same as is by this act altered or amended] as far as the same may be applicable to the constitution of the United States; or by such rules and articles, as may hereafter by law be established.

To take oath.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That every officer, non commissioned officer, private and musician aforesaid, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do solemnly swear, or affirm [as the case may be] to bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and to serve them honestly and faithfully, against their enemies or opposers whomsoever, and to observe and obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules and articles of war."

Acts coming within the purview of this act repealed.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act or acts, now in force, as comes within the purview of this act, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; saving, nevertheless, such parts thereof, as relate to the enlistments or term of service of any of the troops, which, by this act, are continued on the present military establishment of the United States.

Staff to continue till 4th of March.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That the general staff, as authorized by this act, shall continue in service until the fourth day of next March, and no longer.

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#### STATUTE I.

May 30, 1796.

#### CHAP. XL.—*An Act to regulate the Compensation of Clerks.*

[Obsolete.] Heads of Departments to vary compensations to clerks.

SECTION 1. *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, the Secretary of the department of State, and the Secretary of the department of War, be authorized to vary for the present year the compensations heretofore established for clerks in their respective departments, in such manner as the services to be performed shall in their judgment require.

Addition to the appropriations of 1794.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That to the aggregate of compensations for clerks, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, there shall, during the present year, be farther allowed,

In the Treasury Department, the sum of four thousand dollars, including one thousand eight hundred dollars to three additional clerks.

In the Department of State, the sum of two hundred dollars.

In the Department of War, the sum of two hundred dollars. And that the accountant of the war department may employ a principal clerk at the salary allowed to principal clerks in the other departments.

And to the Director of the Mint, for one clerk to be employed by him the additional sum of two hundred dollars.

Allowance to certain commissioners of loans.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there be allowed for the present year to the commissioners of loans in the states of Massachusetts and New York, respectively, not exceeding five clerks, at the rate of five hundred dollars each; to the commissioner of loans in the state of Connecticut, not exceeding two clerks, at the rate of four hundred dollars each; and to the commissioners of loans in the states of Pennsylvania, Virginia and South Carolina, respectively, not exceeding two clerks, at the rate of five hundred dollars each. The aggregate of the compensations for the clerks employed by either of the said commis-

sioners to be apportioned among them at his discretion. That there be allowed for the year aforesaid, in lieu of clerk hire to the commissioner of loans in the state of New Hampshire, three hundred and fifty dollars; to the commissioner of loans, in the state of Rhode Island, four hundred dollars; to the commissioner of loans, in the state of New Jersey, three hundred dollars; and to the commissioner of loans, in the state of Maryland, two hundred and fifty dollars.

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STATUTE I.

May 30, 1796.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and to continue in force the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; together with the second section of the act, intituled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, and to amend the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the ninth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, shall be continued in force, for the term of one year from the passing of this act, and from thence, until the end of the next session of Congress thereafter holden, and no longer.

[Obsolete.]  
Limitations of former acts providing the means of intercourse with foreign nations.

1790, ch. 22.  
1793, ch. 4.  
1794, ch. 7.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses which may attend the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in addition to the sum of forty thousand dollars, annually appropriated for that purpose.

Appropriations

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the sum appropriated by the first section of the act, intituled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, as remains unexpended, together with a further sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect, any treaty already made, and to enable the President to effect any treaty or treaties, with any of the Mediterranean powers.

for carrying into effect certain treaties:

1794, ch. 7.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and six cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to reimburse certain sums advanced by Captain Colvill and Captain Burnham, for their ransom from captivity in Algiers; which sum, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to pay to the said captains Colvill and Burnham, dividing the same equally between them.

for reimbursing Captains Colvill and Burnham.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be authorized to borrow, on the credit of the United States, if, in his opinion, the public service shall require it, a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty-four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and six cents, at an interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, reimbursable at the pleasure of the United States, to be applied to the purposes of this act, and to be repaid out of the duties on imports and tonnage accruing during the present year, and not otherwise appropri-

President of the U. States to borrow not exceeding \$324,539 6 cts.