(BY AUTHORITY.)

An ACT, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay to the comptroller of the treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by J. Armstrong, minister from the United States to the court of France, on the treasury of the United 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 authorised and directed, to pay into the hands of the comptroller of the treasury of the United States, the amount, in cash, of the bills drawn by John Armstrong, minister from the United States to the court of France, on the treasury of the United States, in favor of A. Vanderpoel, Thomas Herries, Daniel Ellis, and Joseph Ellis, jun. pursuant to a liquidation made by the government of France under the convention concluded between the United States and the French government, on the thirtieth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four; and also, the amount of the bills drawn by the aforesaid ministers, on the said treasury of the United States, in favor of Joseph Sands, pursuant to a liquidation made under the convention aforesaid, which sums so paid to the comptroller, shall be held by him, in trust, to pay and satisfy such persons, and in such proportions, as may be adjudged or decreed by the courts hereafter specified; and the said sums shall be by the comptroller deposited in the office of chancery and deposit, in the city of Washington, for safe-keeping, until such judgments or decrees shall take place.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all suits or proceedings at law or in equity, to establish claims against the treasury the whole or any part of the said sums so paid, on account of the bills drawn in favor of Nathan Fenno, Denton and Hall, shall be commenced and prosecuted before the first day of November next, in the circuit court of the fourth circuit, holden in the district of Maryland, and all suits or proceedings at law or in equity, to establish claims against or to recover the whole or any part of the sums so deposited on account of the bills drawn in favor of Joseph Sands, shall be commenced and prosecuted before the circuit court of the district of Columbia for Washington county in said district, and any or either party aggrieved by the judgments or decrees of either of the said courts, may remove the same to the supreme court of the United States, in the same manner, and on the same terms and conditions, as appeals and writs of error are now prosecuted from the circuit courts.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever a final judgment or decree shall be rendered up by either of the said courts in favor of any person or persons who may have established a right or claim, to the whole or any part of the said sums so paid to the comptroller, and deposited in virtue of this law, the said comptroller shall direct the cashier of the said office of discount and deposit, to pay the amount recovered to the person or persons entitled under such judgment or decree so rendered by the said courts.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

To make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the name of the district of Ocracoke, to that of St. Mary's, and to make Augusta, in the district of Maine, a port of delivery.

BE it enacted by the Senate of House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth day of June next, it shall be lawful for ships or vessels, which shall pass out of the district of Edenton in North-Carolina, to be called the district of Plymouth, which shall include and comprehend the rivers Roanoak and Cashie, and all the waters, creeks and inlets adjacent thereto. The town of Plymouth shall be the port of entry and delivery; and Winton and Skewarkey the ports of delivery. A collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside and keep his office at the town of Plymouth, who shall be entitled to receive three per cent. commission on all monies by him received, on account of the duties arising on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the said district, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and the other emoluments and fees of office established by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the thirtieth day of June next, the district of Nansemoy, in the state of Maryland, shall be called the district of St. Mary's, and the collector shall reside at St. Mary's river, which shall be the port of entry and delivery for said district, and Nansemoy a port of delivery, to which a surveyor shall be appointed, who shall be entitled, in addition to the fees and emoluments already allowed by law, to receive a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the town of Augusta, in the district of Maine, shall be and hereby is made a port of delivery, to be annexed to the district of Bath, and subject to the same regulations and provisions, as the other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a surveyor, to reside at the port of delivery, who shall be entitled to receive a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars, annually, in addition to the emoluments allowed by law.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

Making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expence incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves in the United States.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That to make good a deficiency in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of both Houses of Congress, authorized by the act of the tenth of February last, the further sum of seventeen thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred and nine dollars and twenty-seven cents, the balance of a former appropriation to that purpose, not yet expended, having been carried to the credit of the surplus fund, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the further expences incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

APRIL 23, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

For the relief of George Hunter.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers be authorized to examine and settle the accounts of George Hunter, of Philadelphia, and in the said settlement to allow him a credit for such quarter of a stipendiary, the property of the United States, delivered to him for the purpose of being published, as shall be made appear to have been destroyed by fire in his warehouse.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the support of an additional military force for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for defraying the necessary expense to the first day of January next of the troops to be raised by virtue of an act, intitled, "An act to raise for a limited time an additional military force," passed on the twenty-sixth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, the following sums be, and the same hereby are respectively appropriated, that is to say:

For pay, two hundred and eighty-five thousand, nine hundred and twenty dollars;

For forage, eighteen thousand, four hundred and seventy-nine dollars;

For subsistence, two hundred and thirteen thousand, six hundred and ninety-six dollars;

For clothing, one hundred and fifty thousand, five hundred and twenty-eight dollars;

For bounties and premiums, eighty-five thousand, one hundred and twenty dollars;

For the medical and hospital departments, fifteen thousand dollars;

For camp equipage, tents, barracks, fuel and transportation one hundred and eleven thousand dollars;

For contingencies, ten thousand dollars;

For ordnance, sixty thousand dollars;

For the purchase of horses and other expenses necessary to the cavalry, thirty-six thousand, seven hundred and twenty dollars:

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums herein specifically appropriated shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APRIL 23, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT,

To establish certain post-roads in the states of Georgia and sub-Ohio.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following post-roads be established, viz. From Darien, by John Stone's to Milledgeville, and from thence to Athens. From Sparta to Milledgeville, and from thence by Fort Confederation, to the Garrison on Oakmulgee. From Milledgeville to Putnam Court-House, and thence to Morgan Court-House, and to Randolph Court-House. From New-Lisbon to Canton in Ohio.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APRIL 23, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

For the relief of Joseph Chase, Jared Gardner, and others.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the owners of the ship Manilla, belonging to Joseph Chase and Jared Gardner and others, of the island of Nantucket, in the state of Massachusetts, be, and they are hereby permitted to cause to be run to the United States, the said ship Manilla, and her cargo, without being liable to any forfeiture or penalty, incurred, in consequence of the said ship's having gone to the island of St. Domingo, under a clearance obtained in the month of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, before the act of the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, continuing the suspension of trade, with certain parts of the said island of St. Domingo, was known in the said island of Nantucket.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

To authorize a loan over the President of the United States to exchange certain lands, for other lands more suitable for the purpose.

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 be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, to cause the lands in Ocracock and Core Inlets, in North Carolina, acquired with a view to erecting fortifications, to be exchanged for other lands more suitable for fortification, and the protection of Portland, in the district of Maine, and Ocracock, and Old Topsail Inlet, in North Carolina.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

Concerning Public Contracts.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, no member of Congress shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other person whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit, or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in the whole or in part, any contract or agreement, hereafter to be made or entered into with any officer of the United States, in their behalf, or with any person authorized to make contracts on the part of the United States; and if any member of Congress shall, directly or indirectly, himself, or by any other person whatsoever, in trust for him, or for his use or benefit, or on his account, enter into, accept of, agree for, undertake or execute any such contract or agreement, in the whole, or in part, every member so offending shall, for every such offence, on conviction thereof, before any court of the United States, or of the territories, thereof, forfeit and pay, for such offence, he adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined three thousand dollars; and if any such contract or agreement as aforesaid, shall moreover be absolutely void and of no effect: *Provided nevertheless*, That in all cases where any sum or sums of money shall have been adjudged to the use of the United States, in consideration of any such contract or agreement, the same shall be forthwith repaid; and in case of refusal or delay to repay the same, when demanded, by the proper officer of the department under whose authority such contract or agreement shall have been made or entered into, every person refusing or delaying to repay, her with his surety or sureties, shall be forthwith prosecuted at law for the recovery of such sum or sums of money advanced as aforesaid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend to any contract or agreement, made or entered into, or accepted, by any incorporated company, where such contract or agreement shall be made for the general benefit of such incorporation or company; nor to the purchase or sale of bills of exchange or other property by any member of Congress, where the same shall be paid for, or delivery, and for which payment shall be made at the time of making or entering into the contract or agreement.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in every such contract or agreement to be made or entered into, or accepted as aforesaid, there shall be inserted an express condition, that no member of Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of such contract or agreement, or to any benefit to arise thereupon.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any officer of the United States on behalf of the United States, shall directly or indirectly make or enter into any contract, bargain or agreement, in writing or otherwise, or other than such as are herein excepted, with any member of Congress, such officer so offending, on a conviction thereof before any court having jurisdiction thereof, shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and be fined in a sum of three thousand dollars.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passing of this act it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, and the post-master-general annually to lay before Congress a statement of all the contracts which have been made in their respective departments during the year preceding such report, stating in such statement the name of the contractor, the article or thing contracted for, the place where the article was to be delivered, or the thing performed, the sum to be paid for its performance or delivery, the date and duration of the contract.

J. B. VARNUM, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

APRIL 25, 1808.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

NOTICE.

SUCH of the creditors of the late general Uriah Forrest, deceased, as have claims against his estate prior to the making of the commission of bankruptcy against him, are hereby notified that the Commissioners of Bankruptcy will meet to make a dividend, at Rhode's tavern in the city of Washington, on Monday the 30th day of May next, at 11 o'clock A. M. when and where they will proceed to attend to so much of the business of said bankrupt's estate, as may be ready for adjustment.

JOHN HEWITT, Assignee.
City Washington, April 13—wtw

War Department, April 15, 1808.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT separate proposals will be received at the Office of the Secretary for the Department of War, until 12 o'clock, at noon of Monday the 20th of June next, for the supply of all rations that may be required for the use of the United States, from the 1st day of October 1808 inclusive, to the 1st day of June 1810, within the states, territories and districts following, viz.

First, At Niagara, Detroit, Michillimackinac, Fort Wayne, Chikkago and in their immediate vicinities, and at any place or places, where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the Territory of Michigan.

2d, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited, within the states of Kentucky and Tennessee.

3d, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the Mississippi and Orleans territories.

Separate proposals will also be received, for the supply of rations which may be required for the use of the United States, from the 1st day of June 1809 inclusive, to the 1st day of June 1810 within the several districts following, viz.

3th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the district of Maine, and state of New Hampshire.

6th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited, within the state of Vermont.

7th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of New York, Niagara and its dependencies excepted.

10th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of New Jersey.

11th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of Pennsylvania.

12th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited, within the states of Maryland and Delaware.

13th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of Virginia.

14th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of North Carolina.

15th, At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the state of South Carolina.

16th, At Ocmulgee Old Fields, and any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the limits of the state of Georgia.

17th, Proposals will also be received for rations, for the number of rations which may be required by the United States, for the troops which are to may be stationed, marched, or recruited within the town of Springfield in the state of Massachusetts; and for the armories and other persons employed in the United States' Armory at that place, from the 1st day of May 1809 inclusive, to the 1st day of June 1810.

The rations to consist of one pound and one quarter of beef, or three quarters of a pound of pork, eighteen ounces of bread or flour, one gill of rum, whiskey or brandy, and at the rate of two quarts of spruce beer, or one quart of cider, one pounds of soap, half one pound, and a half of tallow, for every hundred rations. The prices of the several component parts of the ration shall be specified, so that the Government may judge of making such alterations in the price of the components parts of the ration, thereafter, as shall make the price of each part thereof bear a just proportion with the proposed price of the whole ration. The rations are to be furnished at such places, and in such quantities, and times, during the term of the proposed contract, be sufficient for the subsistence of the troops at Michillimackinac, Detroit and Chikago, for six months in advance; and at such other places posts on the western waters, for at least three months in advance, of good and wholesome provisions, of the same shall be required. It is also to be permitted to the contractor, if deemed advantageous for timely place or posts, to call for, at seasons when the same can be conveniently, and at any time, in case of urgency, such supplies of the provisions in addition to, or in the place of the commandant shall be deemed proper.

It is understood, that the contractor is to bear the expence and risk of issuing the supplies to the troops, and that all deductions made by the commandant, as an enemy, or by means of the troops by the U. States, shall be paid by U. S. at the price of the articles captured or destroyed as aforesaid, on the circumstances of the loss, and the amount of the articles for which compensation is to be made.

The privilege is understood to be reserved to the U. S. of paying such some of the supplies, which may be furnished during any of the proposed contracts, shall be issued, until the supplies which have been or may be furnished under contracts now in force, have been consumed; and that a supply in advance may be always required at any of the food posts on the sea board, or Indian frontiers, not exceeding three months.

H. DEARBORN,
Secretary of War.

April 15——tawsw