

the Navy, or as may be required by law, and who shall act as Secretary of the Navy in the absence of that officer.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be added to the clerical force of the Navy Department eight additional clerks, with a salary of twelve hundred dollars each per annum.

Additional clerks in the Navy Department.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act making an Appropriation to pay the Expenses of transporting and delivering Arms and Munitions of War to the loyal Citizens of the States of which the Inhabitants now are or hereafter may be in Rebellion against the Government of the United States, and to provide for the Expense of organizing them into Companies, Battalions, Regiments, or otherwise, for their own Protection against domestic Violence, Insurrection, Invasion, or Rebellion.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the President of the United States, in supplying and defraying the expenses of transporting and delivering such arms and munitions of war as in his judgment may be expedient and proper to place in the hands of any of the loyal citizens residing in any of the States of which the inhabitants are in rebellion against the Government of the United States, or in which rebellion is or may be threatened, and likewise for defraying such expenses as may be properly incurred in organizing and sustaining, while so organized, any of said citizens into companies, battalions, regiments, or otherwise, for their own protection against domestic violence, insurrection, invasion, or rebellion.

Loyal citizens of States in rebellion, appropriation to supply with arms.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act making an Appropriation for the Purchase of Arms for the Volunteers and Regular Troops of the United States.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of ten millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the President of the United States, for the purchase of arms for the use of the volunteers and regular troops of the United States.

Purchase of arms, appropriation for.

APPROVED, July 31, 1861.

CHAP. XXX.—*An Act providing a Commission to examine and report as to the Compensation of all Officers of the Government, and for other Purposes.*

July 31, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of scaling, equalizing, and reducing the compensation of the various officers of the Government, a Board of Commissioners is hereby organized, to be composed as follows: Of two members of the Senate, to be appointed by the presiding officer of the Senate; three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one officer of the navy and one officer of the army, to be appointed by the President. That said Board shall examine and report, as soon as practicable: First, a fair and just compensation for each officer of the Government; second, such provisions of law as will regulate the expenditure of all indefinite and contingent appropriations, including those for the courts of the United States; third, regulations for the more economical collection of the revenue; fourth, what officers or employments, if any, may be dispensed with without detriment to the public service.

Board of Commissioners to equalize and reduce pay of officers of Government, appointment and duty of.

1862, ch. 52. Post, p. 316.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said commission have leave