the balances due from every such delinquent shall be charged to, and
recoverable from the Postmaster General.

Sec. 25. And be it further enacted, That all pecuniary penalties and
forfeitures, incurred under this act, shall be, one half for the use of the
person or persons informing and prosecuting for the same, the other half
to the use of the United States.

Sec. 26. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the
Postmaster General, to make provision, where it may be necessary, for
the receipt of all letters and packets intended to be conveyed by any
ship or vessel, beyond sea, or from any port of the United States to an-
other port therein; and the letters so received shall be formed into a
mail, sealed up, and directed to the postmaster of the port to which such
ship or vessel shall be bound. And for every letter or packet so received,
there shall be paid, at the time of its reception, a postage of one cent.
And the Postmaster General may make arrangements with the postmas-
ters in any foreign country for the reciprocal receipt and delivery of
letters and packets, through the post-offices.

Sec. 27. And be it further enacted, That the deputy postmasters, and
the persons employed in the transportation of the mail, shall be exempt
from militia duties, or any fine or penalty for neglect thereof.

Sec. 28. And be it further enacted, That all the surplus revenue of
the general post-office, which shall have accrued, previous to the first
day of June next, not heretofore appropriated, be, and the same is hereby
appropriated towards defraying any deficiency which may arise in the
revenue of the said department for the year next ensuing.

Sec. 29. And be it further enacted, That the act passed the last ses-
sion of Congress, intituled “An act to continue in force, for a limited
time, an act, intituled ‘An act for the temporary establishment of the
post-office,’” be, and the same is hereby continued in full force, until
the first day of June next, and no longer.

Sec. 30. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force
for the term of two years, from the said first day of June next, and no
longer.

APPROVED, February 20, 1792.

CHAP. VIII.—An Act relative to the Election of a President and Vice President of
the United States, and declaring the Officer who shall act as President in case of
Vacancies in the offices of President and Vice President.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That except in case
of an election of a President and Vice President of the United States,
prior to the ordinary period as herein after specified, electors shall be ap-
pointed in each state for the election of a President and Vice President
of the United States, within thirty-four days preceding the first Wednes-
day in December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and
within thirty-four days preceding the first Wednesday in December in
every fourth year succeeding the last election, which electors shall be
equal to the number of Senators and Representatives, to which the
several states may be entitled at the time, when the President
and Vice President, thus to be chosen, should come into office: Pro-
vided always, That where no apportionment of Representatives shall
have been made after any enumeration, at the time of choosing electors,
then the number of electors shall be according to the existing apportion-
ment of Senators and Representatives.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the electors shall meet and
give their votes on the said first Wednesday in December, at such place
in each state as shall be directed, by the legislature thereof; and the
electors in each state shall make and sign three certificates of all the
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votes by them given, and shall seal up the same certifying on each that
a list of the votes of such state for President and Vice President is con-
tained therein, and shall by writing under their hands, or under the
hands of a majority of them, appoint a person to take charge of and
deliver to the President of the Senate, at the seat of government, before
the first Wednesday in January then next ensuing, one of the said certi-
ficates, and the said electors shall forthwith forward by the post-office to
the President of the Senate, at the seat of government, one other of the
said certificates, and shall forthwith cause the other of the said certifi-
cates to be delivered to the judge of that district in which the said elec-
tors shall assemble.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the executive authority of
each state shall cause three lists of the names of the electors of such
state to be made and certified and to be delivered to the electors on or
before the said first Wednesday in December, and the said electors shall
annex one of the said lists to each of the lists of their votes.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if a list of votes, from any
state, shall not have been received at the seat of government on the said
first Wednesday in January, that then the Secretary of State shall send
a special messenger to the district judge in whose custody such list shall
have been lodged, who shall forthwith transmit the same to the seat of
government.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That Congress shall be in session
on the second Wednesday in February, one thousand seven hundred
and ninety-three, and on the second Wednesday in February succeeding
every meeting of the electors, and the said certificates, or so many of
them as shall have been received, shall then be opened, the votes counted,
and the persons who shall fill the offices of President and Vice President
ascertained and declared, agreeably to the constitution.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That in case there shall be no
President of the Senate at the seat of government on the arrival of the
persons entrusted with the lists of the votes of the electors, then such per-
sons shall deliver the lists of votes in their custody into the office of
the Secretary of State, to be safely kept and delivered over as soon as may
be, to the President of the Senate.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the persons appointed by the
electors to deliver the lists of votes to the President of the Senate, shall
be allowed on the delivery of the said lists twenty-five cents for every
mile of the estimated distance by the most usual road, from the place of
meeting of the electors, to the seat of government of the United States.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That if any person appointed to
deliver the votes of the electors to the President of the Senate, shall after
accepting of his appointment neglect to perform the services required of
him by this act, he shall forfeit the sum of one thousand dollars.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That in case of removal, death,
resignation or inability both of the President and Vice President of the
United States, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and in case there
shall be no President of the Senate, then the Speaker of the House of
Representatives, for the time being shall act as President of the United
States until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That whenever the office's of
President and Vice President shall both become vacant, the Secretary
of State shall forthwith cause a notification thereof to be made to the
executive of every state, and shall also cause the same to be published
in at least one of the newspapers printed in each state, specifying that
electors of the President of the United States shall be appointed or
chosen in the several states within thirty-four days preceding the first
Wednesday in December then next ensuing: Provided, That there shall be
the space of two months between the date of such notification and the
said first Wednesday in December, but if there shall not be the space of two months between the date of such notification and the first Wednesday in December; and if the term for which the President and Vice President last in office were elected shall not expire on the third day of March next ensuing, then the Secretary of State shall specify in the notification that the electors shall be appointed or chosen within thirty-four days preceding the first Wednesday in December in the year next ensuing, within which time the electors shall accordingly be appointed or chosen, and the electors shall meet and give their votes on the said first Wednesday in December, and the proceedings and duties of the said electors and others shall be pursuant to the directions prescribed in this act.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That the only evidence of a refusal to accept or of a resignation of the office of President or Vice President, shall be an instrument in writing declaring the same, and subscribed by the person refusing to accept or resigning, as the case may be, and delivered into the office of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That the term of four years for which a President and Vice President shall be elected shall in all cases commence on the fourth day of March next succeeding the day on which the votes of the electors shall have been given.

Approved, March 1, 1792.

SEC. IX.—An Act for making further and more effectual Provision for the Protection of the Frontiers of the United States.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the battalion of artillery now in service be completed according to the establishment, and that the two regiments of infantry now in service, be completed to the number of nine hundred and sixty non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians each.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be raised for a term not exceeding three years, three additional regiments, each of which, exclusively of the commissioned officers, shall consist of nine hundred and sixty non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians; and that one of the said regiments be organized in the following manner, that is to say, two battalions of infantry, each of which, exclusively of the commissioned officers, shall consist of three hundred and twenty non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians; and one squadron of light dragoons which, exclusively of the commissioned officers, shall consist of three hundred and twenty non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians; and that it shall be a condition in the enlistment of the said dragoons, to serve as dismounted dragoons, whenever they shall be ordered thereto: That the organization of the said squadron of light dragoons shall be, as follows, to wit: one major, one adjutant, one quartermaster, one surgeon's mate, and four troops, each of which shall consist of one captain, one lieutenant, one cornet, four sergeants, four corporals, one farrier, one saddler, one trumpeter, and sixty-nine dragoons; and the President may arm the said troops, as he shall think proper:

Sec. 3. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to organize the said five regiments of infantry, and the said corps of horse and artillery, as he shall judge expedient, diminishing the number of corps, or taking from one corps and adding to another, as shall appear to him proper, so that the whole number of officers and men shall not exceed the limits above prescribed: Provided, That the said three regiments shall be discharged as soon as the United States shall be at peace with the Indian tribes.

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