

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
March 2, 1867. }

The Senate having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill entitled "An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," returned to the House of Representatives by the President of the United States, with his objections, and sent by the House of Representatives to the Senate, with the message of the President returning the bill:

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same.

Attest:

J. W. FORNEY,
Secretary of the Senate.

March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLIV.—*An Act regulating the Tenure of certain Civil Offices.*

Persons holding or appointed to any civil office, to hold the same until, &c.

The Secretaries of the several departments to hold office for, &c. Subject to removal.

When civil officers, except, &c. shall become disqualified, &c. the President may suspend them and appoint persons temporarily to such offices

Such persons to take the oaths and give the bonds

The President to report such suspensions and appointments to the Senate

If Senate concurs, the President may remove the officer and appoint successor.

If Senate does not concur, the suspended officer resumes his office

Provision as to salary, &c. during the suspension.

Proviso
Suspension may be revoked and officer reinstated, if, &c.

Vacancies happening dur-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person holding any civil office to which he has been appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and every person who shall hereafter be appointed to any such office, and shall become duly qualified to act therein, is, and shall be entitled to hold such office until a successor shall have been in like manner appointed and duly qualified, except as herein otherwise provided: *Provided*, That the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, and of the Interior, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General, shall hold their offices respectively for and during the term of the President by whom they may have been appointed and for one month thereafter, subject to removal by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when any officer appointed as aforesaid, excepting judges of the United States courts, shall, during a recess of the Senate, be shown, by evidence satisfactory to the President, to be guilty of misconduct in office, or crime, or for any reason shall become incapable or legally disqualified to perform its duties, in such case, and in no other, the President may suspend such officer and designate some suitable person to perform temporarily the duties of such office until the next meeting of the Senate, and until the case shall be acted upon by the Senate, and such person so designated shall take the oaths and give the bonds required by law to be taken and given by the person duly appointed to fill such office; and in such case it shall be the duty of the President, within twenty days after the first day of such next meeting of the Senate, to report to the Senate such suspension, with the evidence and reasons for his action in the case, and the name of the person so designated to perform the duties of such office. And if the Senate shall concur in such suspension and advise and consent to the removal of such officer, they shall so certify to the President, who may thereupon remove such officer, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint another person to such office. But if the Senate shall refuse to concur in such suspension, such officer so suspended shall forthwith resume the functions of his office, and the powers of the person so performing its duties in his stead shall cease, and the official salary and emoluments of such officer shall, during such suspension, belong to the person so performing the duties thereof, and not to the officer so suspended: *Provided, however*, That the President, in case he shall become satisfied that such suspension was made on insufficient grounds, shall be authorized, at any time before reporting such suspension to the Senate as above provided, to revoke such suspension and reinstate such officer in the performance of the duties of his office.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President shall have power to fill all vacancies which may happen during the recess of the Senate, by

reason of death or resignation, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session thereafter. And if no appointment, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be made to such office so vacant or temporarily filled as aforesaid during such next session of the Senate, such office shall remain in abeyance, without any salary, fees, or emoluments attached thereto, until the same shall be filled by appointment thereto, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and during such time all the powers and duties belonging to such office shall be exercised by such other officer as may by law exercise such powers and duties in case of a vacancy in such office.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to extend the term of any office the duration of which is limited by law.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall, contrary to the provisions of this act, accept any appointment to or employment in any office, or shall hold or exercise or attempt to hold or exercise, any such office or employment, he shall be deemed, and is hereby declared to be, guilty of a high misdemeanor, and, upon trial and conviction thereof, he shall be punished therefor by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That every removal, appointment, or employment, made, had, or exercised, contrary to the provisions of this act, and the making, signing, sealing, countersigning, or issuing of any commission or letter of authority for or in respect to any such appointment or employment, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be, high misdemeanors, and, upon trial and conviction thereof, every person guilty thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both said punishments, in the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That the President shall have power to make out and deliver, after the adjournment of the Senate, commissions for all officers whose appointment shall have been advised and consented to by the Senate.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate, at the close of each session thereof, to deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury, and to each of his assistants, and to each of the auditors, and to each of the comptrollers in the treasury, and to the treasurer, and to the register of the treasury, a full and complete list, duly certified, of all the persons who shall have been nominated to and rejected by the Senate during such session, and a like list of all the offices to which nominations shall have been made and not confirmed and filled at such session.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the President shall, without the advice and consent of the Senate, designate, authorize, or employ any person to perform the duties of any office, he shall forthwith notify the Secretary of the Treasury thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury thereupon to communicate such notice to all the proper accounting and disbursing officers of his department.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That no money shall be paid or received from the treasury, or paid or received from or retained out of any public moneys or funds of the United States, whether in the treasury or not, to or by or for the benefit of any person appointed to or authorized to act in or holding or exercising the duties or functions of any office contrary to the provisions of this act; nor shall any claim, account, voucher, order, certificate, warrant, or other instrument providing for or relating to such payment, receipt, or retention, be presented, passed, allowed, approved, certified, or paid by any officer of the United States, or by any person exercising the functions or performing the duties of any office or place of trust under the United States, for or in respect to such office, or

ing the recess of the Senate, how to be filled. When office to remain in abeyance.

Powers of office during such period, to be exercised by whom.

No term of office extended by this act.

Penalty for accepting or exercising office contrary to this act.

The removal, or employment, or appointment, or issuing, &c. of a commission, &c. of any person contrary to this act, made a high misdemeanor, and penalty therefor.

Proviso.

Secretary of Senate at the end of each session to furnish lists of nominations and rejections, &c.

The President to notify the Secretary of the Treasury when he has made an appointment to office without the consent of the Senate.

Duty of the Secretary in such case.

Money not to be paid to, or received by, any person contrary to this act.

No claim, account, &c. for such payment, to be approved, &c.

Violations of this section declared high misdemeanors, and penalty therefor.

the exercising or performing the functions or duties thereof; and every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and, upon trial and conviction thereof, shall be punished therefor by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both said punishments, in the discretion of the court.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,

President of the Senate, pro tempore.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, }
March 2, 1867. }

The President of the United States having returned to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," with his objections thereto, the Senate proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the same; and

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, two thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same.

Attest :

J. W. FORNEY,

Secretary of the Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S. }
March 2, 1867. }

The House of Representatives having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill entitled "An act regulating the tenure of certain civil offices," returned to the Senate by the President of the United States, with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives, with the message of the President returning the bill:

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

Attest :

EDWD. MCPHERSON,

Clerk.

March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLV. — *An Act to declare valid and conclusive certain Proclamations of the President, and Acts done in Pursuance thereof, or of his Orders, in the Suppression of the late Rebellion against the United States*

Certain acts, proclamations, and orders of the President of the United States, or acts done by his authority and approval, legalized and made valid, as if, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all acts, proclamations, and orders of the President of the United States, or acts done by his authority or approval after the fourth of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and before the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six, respecting martial law, military trials by courts-martial or military commissions, or the arrest, imprisonment and trial of persons charged with participation in the late rebellion against the United States, or as aiders or abettors thereof, or as guilty of any disloyal practice in aid thereof, or of any violation of the laws or usages of war, or of affording aid and comfort to rebels against the authority of the United States, and all proceedings and acts done or had by courts-martial or military commissions, or arrests and imprisonments made in the premises by any person by the authority of the orders or proclamations of the President, made as aforesaid, or in aid thereof, are hereby approved in all respects, legalized and made valid, to the same extent and with the same effect as if said orders and proclamations had been issued and made, and said arrests, imprisonments, proceedings, and acts had been done under the previous express authority and direction of the Congress of the United States, and in

pursuance of a law thereof previously enacted and expressly authorizing and directing the same to be done. And no civil court of the United States, or of any State, or of the District of Columbia, or of any district or territory of the United States, shall have or take jurisdiction of, or in any manner reverse any of the proceedings had or acts done as aforesaid, nor shall any person be held to answer in any of said courts for any act done or omitted to be done in pursuance or in aid of any of said proclamations or orders, or by authority or with the approval of the President within the period aforesaid, and respecting any of the matters aforesaid; and all officers and other persons in the service of the United States, or who acted in aid thereof, acting in the premises shall be held *prima facie* to have been authorized by the President; and all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

No court to have or take jurisdiction of, &c.

All officers, &c. held *prima facie* to have been authorized, &c.

Repealing clause.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLVI. — *An Act to provide for the Allotment of the Members of the Supreme Court among the Circuits, and for the Appointment of a Marshal for the Supreme Court.* March 2, 1867.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the chief justice of the United States and the associate justices of the Supreme Court shall be allotted among the circuits now existing by order of the court; and whenever a new allotment shall be required or found expedient by reason of alteration of one or more circuits, or of the new appointment of a chief justice or associate justice, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the court to make the same; and if a new allotment shall become necessary at any other time than during the term, such allotment shall be made by the chief justice, and shall be binding until the next term, and until a new allotment by the court.

The chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States to be allotted by order of court.

New allotments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Supreme Court may appoint a marshal for said court, whose compensation shall be three thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and said marshal shall take charge of all property of the United States used by said court or its members, and shall serve and execute all process and orders issuing out of said court, or made by the chief justice or an associate justice, in pursuance of law; and shall pay into the treasury of the United States all fees and compensation allowed by law, and render a true account thereof, at the close of each term, to the Secretary of the Interior; and the said marshal, with the approval of the chief justice, may appoint assistants and messengers in place of the crier and messengers now employed, with such compensation as is or may be allowed to officers of the House of Representatives of similar grade; and all acts and parts of acts now in force relating to the marshal of the District of Columbia shall apply to the said marshal of the Supreme Court, except so far as in this act otherwise provided.

Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States; his appointment, salary, duties.

Assistant marshals and messengers.

Laws applicable.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLVII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to continue, alter, and amend the Charter of the City of Washington," approved May seventeen, eighteen hundred and forty-eight* March 2, 1867.
1848, ch. 42.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second section of the act entitled "An act to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington," approved May seventeen, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, shall be so amended as to read, "To license, tax, and regulate agencies of all kinds of insurance companies: *Provided,* That the tax or license shall not exceed one per centum upon the cash premiums received."

The tax upon agencies of insurance companies in Washington, D. C., not to exceed, &c.