

PUBLIC LAWS. ENACTED FEB 16, 1864.

An Act to Fund, Tax and Limit the Currency. SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the holders of all Treasury notes...

Sec. 2. That any State holding Treasury notes received before the time herein fixed for taxing said notes shall be allowed till the first day of January 1865...

Sec. 3. That all Treasury notes of the denomination of \$100, not bearing interest, which shall not be presented for funding under the provisions of the first section of this act...

Sec. 4. That on all said Treasury notes not funded or used in payment of taxes at the dates and places prescribed in the first section of this act, there shall be levied a tax of 66 2/3 cents...

An Act to lay additional Taxes for the common defence and support of Government. SECTION 1. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact...

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shall be subject to a tax of 88 1/3 per cent. on every dollar promised on the face thereof, said tax to attach to said notes...

Sec. 12. That any State holding Treasury notes received before the time herein fixed for taxing said notes shall be allowed till the first day of January 1865...

Sec. 13. That Treasury notes heretofore issued bearing interest at the rate of 7 1/2 per cent. per annum, shall no longer be received in payment of public dues...

Sec. 14. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, in case the exigencies of the Government shall require it...

Sec. 15. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to increase the number of depositories to be used for the deposit of said notes...

Sec. 16. The Secretary of the Treasury shall forthwith advertise this act in such newspapers published in the several States...

Sec. 17. The 42d section of the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1st 1863, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 18. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required, upon the application of the holder of any call certificate...

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X. Of conspiracies, or attempts or preparations to aid the enemy.

XI. Of persons advising or inciting others to abandon the Confederate cause...

XII. Of unlawfully burning, destroying or injuring any bridge or railroad...

XIII. Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government...

Sec. 1. Property of each head of a family to the value of \$500; and for each minor child of the family to the further value of \$100...

Sec. 2. The President shall cause proper officers to investigate the cases of all persons so arrested, or detained, in order that they may be discharged if improperly detained...

Sec. 3. That during the suspension aforesaid, no military or other officer shall be compelled, in answer to any writ of habeas corpus, to appear in person...

Sec. 4. This act shall continue in force for ninety days after the next meeting of Congress, and no longer.

THE MILITARY BILL.

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act all white men, residents of the Confederate States...

Sec. 2. That all the persons aforesaid, between the ages of 18 and 45, now in service, shall be retained during the present war with the U. S...

Sec. 3. That at the expiration of six months from the first day of April next, a bounty of \$100 in a six per cent. Government bond, which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue...

Sec. 4. That no person shall be relieved from the operation of this act by reason of having been heretofore discharged from the army where no disability now exists...

Sec. 5. That all white male residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of 17 and 18 and 45 and 50 years, shall enroll themselves at such times and places...

Sec. 6. Of treason, or treasonable efforts or combinations to subvert the government of the Confederate States.

Sec. 7. Of conspiracies to overthrow the government, or conspiracies to resist the lawful authority of the Confederate States.

Sec. 8. Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort.

Sec. 9. Of desertions, or encouraging desertions, or harboring deserters, and of attempts to avoid military service.

Sec. 10. Of unlawful trading with the enemy, and of other offences against the laws of the Confederate States, enacted to promote their success in the war.

shall be liable to be placed in service in the field for the war, as if he were between the ages of 18 and 45.

Sec. 8. That hereafter the duties of provost clerks, guards, agents, employees or laborers in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments...

Sec. 9. That any Quartermaster or Assistant Quartermaster, Commissary or Assistant Commissary, (other than those serving with brigades or regiments in the field)...

Sec. 10. That all laws granting exemptions from military service be, and the same are, hereby repealed, and hereafter none shall be exempted except the following:

1. All who shall be held unfit for military service, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

2. The Vice President of the Confederate States, the members and officers of Congress and of the several State Legislatures, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President, or the Governor of the respective States, may certify to be necessary for the proper administration of the Confederate or State Governments...

3. Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his church, and who, at the passage of this act, shall be regularly employed in the discharge of his ministerial duties...

4. There shall be exempt one person as owner or agriculturist on each farm or plantation upon which there are now, and were on the 1st day of Jan'y last, 15 able bodied field-hands...

5. This exemption shall only be granted in cases in which there is no white male adult on the farm or plantation not liable to military service...

6. Such person shall first execute a bond, payable to the Confederate States of America, in such form, and with such security, and in such penalty as the Secretary of War may prescribe...

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provisions, to be delivered by such person as aforesaid at equivalent rates.

3. Such person shall further bind himself to sell the marketable surplus of provisions and grain now on hand, and which he may raise from year to year while his exemption continues...

4. In addition to the foregoing exemptions, the Secretary of War, under the direction of the President, may exempt or detail such other persons as he may be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of public necessity...

5. The president, treasurer, auditor and superintendent of any railroad company engaged in transportation for the Government, and such officers and employees thereof...

6. That nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing the act approved April the 14th 1863, entitled an act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States...

7. That all the exemptions granted under this act shall only continue whilst the persons exempted are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occupations.

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