

# ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the second day of December, 1822, and ended on the third day of March, 1823.*

JAMES MONROE, President; DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore; PHILIP P. BARBOUR, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

Dec. 20, 1822. CHAP. I.—*An Act authorizing an additional naval force for the suppression of piracy.*

President authorized to purchase or construct vessels, to fit, equip, and man them for immediate service, for repressing piracy, &c.  
Act of March 3, 1825, ch. 101, sec. 2.

*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 to purchase or construct a sufficient number of vessels, in addition to those now employed, of such burthen and construction as he may deem necessary, and to fit, equip, and man the same for immediate service, for the purpose of repressing piracy, and of affording effectual protection to the citizens and commerce of the United States in the Gulf of Mexico, and the seas and territories adjacent.

Appropriation for such expenditure.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars be appropriated to meet the expenditure to be incurred as aforesaid, and paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, December 20, 1822.

### STATUTE II.

Jan. 14, 1823. CHAP. II.—*An Act concerning the apportionment of representatives in the state of Alabama. (a)*

[Obsolete.]

From the 3d day of March next, the state of Alabama to have three members in the House of Representatives, agreeably to the act of March 7, 1822, ch. 10.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, the state of Alabama shall have three members in the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, it appearing, from the returns of the marshal of Alabama, deposited in the office of the Secretary of state of the United States, that the said state of Alabama at the passage of the act, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several states, according to the fourth census," approved March seven, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, was entitled to the number of three representatives, according to the population of the said state, and the ratio established by the said act.

APPROVED, January 14, 1823.

(a) By the act of March 2, 1819, ch. 47, Alabama was authorized to form a state government for admission into the Union. By resolution of December 11, 1819, Alabama was admitted into the Union.