GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS, BOSTON, 15th Nov. 1808.

BY the general order of the 12th of November instant, a detachment of 10920 men, including officers, is directed to be made from the militia of this Commonwealth, agreeably to the requisition of the President of the United States. The detachment so ordered, is to be organized, armed, and equipped, and held in readiness to march at a moment's warning, for the actual service of the United States.

By the Act of Congress of the 30th of March, 1808, the Executives of the several states may accept as part of the detachment ordered as aforesaid, any corps of volunteers who shall engage to continue in service six months after they arrive at the place of rendezvous.

By another Act of Congress, passed the 24th of February, 1807, the President of the United States is authorized to accept the service of volunteer companies, either of artillery, cavalry, or infantry, already organized, or who may associate, and offer themselves for the service, and who shall be liable to be called upon to do military duty at any time within two years after acceptance, and shall be bound to continue in service for the term of twelve months, unless sooner discharged.

From the return of Congress, before mentioned, and by the special direction of the President of the United States, the commander in Chief is authorized to accept any corps of volunteers as part of the 10920 men, ordered to be detached from the militia of this Commonwealth as aforesaid. But it will be observed, that each of the aforesaid Acts of Congress holds out different conditions of service and enrolment; therefore, if any volunteer corps shall make an offer of their services, it will be necessary to distinguish under which of the said Acts they wish to be accepted, as both the officers and soldiers will be required to sign their engagements according to the conditions of the Act under which they shall tender their services to the United States.

By order of the Commander in Chief,

W.M. DONNISON, Adj. Gen.

AN ACT

Authorising the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men.

SEC. 1. 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, authorised to accept of any company or companies of volunteers, either of artillery, cavalry, or infantry, who may associate and offer themselves for the service, not exceeding thirty thousand men, who shall be clothed and furnished with horses at their own expense, and armed and equipped at the expense of the United States, after they shall be called into service, except such of them as shall choose to furnish their own arms, and whose commissioned officers shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by law in the several states and territories to which such companies shall respectively belong. Provided, That where any company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division of militia already organized shall tender their voluntary service to the United States, such company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division shall continue to be commanded by the officers holding commissions in the same, at the time of such tender, and any vacancy thereafter occurring shall be filled in the mode pointed out by law in the state or territory in which the said company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division, shall have been originally raised.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or division thus offering itself for the service, shall be liable to be called upon to do military duty at any time the President of the United States shall judge proper, within two years after he shall accept the same, and shall be bound to continue in service for the term of twelve months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, unless sooner discharged, and when called into actual service, and whilst remaining therein shall be under the same rules and regulations, and be entitled to the same pay, rations, forage and emoluments of every kind, bounty and clothing excepted, with the regular troops of the United States. Provided, That in lieu of clothing, every non-commissioned officer and private, in any company, who may thus offer themselves, shall be entitled, when called into actual service, to receive in money, a sum equal to the cost of the clothing of a non-commissioned officer or private, as the case may be, in the regular troops of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to organize the companies so tendering their service as aforesaid, into battalions, squadrons, regiments, brigades, and divisions, as soon as the number of volunteers shall render such organization, in his judgment, expedient; and until called into actual service, such companies shall be bound to do regular militia duty as is required by law in like manner as before the passage of this act.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That in case any volunteer above mentioned, while in actual service, shall sustain any damage, by injury done to his horse, or such other equipment as shall have been furnished at his own expense, or by loss of the same, without any fault or negligence on his part, a reasonable sum, to be ascertained in such manner as the President of the United States may direct, shall be allowed and paid to such volunteer for each and every such damage or loss.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated towards defraying any expense incurred by virtue of the provisions of this act.

NATH. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GEORGE CLINTON,
Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

February 24, 1807.—Approved.

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