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WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, June 15, 1864.

The following Act of Congress is published for the information of all concerned:—

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AN ACT, relating to members of Congress, heads of Departments, and other officers of the Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That no member of the Senate or House of Representatives shall, after his election and during his continuance in office, nor shall any head of a department, head of a bureau, clerk, or any other officer of the Government. receive or agree to receive any compensation whatsoever, directly or indirectly, for any services rendered, or to be rendered, after the passage of this Act, to any person, either by himself or another, in relation to any proceeding, contract, claim, controversy, charge accusation, arrest, or other matter or thing in which the United States is a party, or directly or indirectly interested, before any department, court martial, bureau, officer, or any civil, military, or naval commission whatever. And any person offending against any provision of this Act, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, at the discretion of the Court trying the same, and shall be. forever thereafter, incapable of holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the Government of the United States.

Approved June 11, 1864.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND.

Assistant Adjutant General.

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