AN ACT

TO AMEND THE TAX LAWS.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the first, second, and third sections of the act to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government, approved seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be amended and re-enacted, so as to read as follows, to wit:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the taxes levied by the "Act to lay taxes for the common defence, and to carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863, there shall be levied, from the 17th day of February, 1864, on the subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, and collected from every person, copartnership, association or corporation, liable therefor, taxes as follows, to wit:

I. Upon the value of all property, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and description, not hereinafter exempted or taxed at a different rate, five per cent.: *Provided*, That from the tax on the value of property employed in agriculture shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind derived therefrom during the same year, as assessed under the law imposing it, and delivered to the Government, whether delivered during the year or afterwards, including the bacon, deliverable after, and not prior to, the assessment of the tax on property employed in agriculture, as aforesaid; and the collection of the tax on such property shall be suspended after assessment, under the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, until the value of the tithe to be deducted can be ascertained, and when so ascertained, it shall be the duty of the post quartermaster to certify, and of the district collector to deduct, the value of such tithe, and any balance found due may be paid in bonds and certificates therefor, authorized by the "Act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," in like manner as other taxes, payable during the year: *Provided*, That no credit shall be allowed beyond five per cent.

II. On the value of gold and silver ware and plate, jewels, jewelry, and watches, ten per cent.

III. The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same, or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, except in cases where lands, slaves, cotton, and tobacco have been purchased since the 1st day of January, 1862, in which case the said land, slaves, cotton, and tobacco so purchased, shall be assessed at the price actually paid for the same by the owner: *Provided*, That land purchased by refugees, and held and occupied by them for their own use and residence, shall be assessed according to its market value in the year 1860.

Sec. 2. That section second of an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government," approved 17th February, 1864, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and it is hereby declared, that all the property and assets of corporations, associations, and joint stock companies, of every description, whether incorporated or not, shall be assessed and taxed in the same manner, and to the same extent, as the property and assets of individuals; the tax on such property and assets, to be assessed against, and paid by, such corporations, associations and joint stock companies: *Provided*, That no bank or banking company shall be liable to pay a tax upon deposits of money to the credit of, and subject to the checks of others: *Provided further*, That the stock, shares or interests, representing property or assets in corporations or joint stock companies, or associations, shall not be assessed or taxed. And, *provided further*, That all property within the enemy's lines be, and the same is hereby, exempted from all taxation so long as it remains in the enemy's lines.

Sec. 3. That paragraph one, of section three, of an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government," approved 17th February, 1864, be, and the same is hereby, amended and re-enacted, so as to read as follows: "Upon the amount of all gold and silver coin, gold dust, gold or silver bullion, moneys held abroad, or bills of exchange drawn therefor, promisory notes, rights, credits, and securities, payable in foreign countries, five per cent. to be paid in specie, or Confederate treasury notes, at their value, as compared with specie at the time the tax is payable; the relative value of specie and Confederate treasury notes, for the purpose of payment under this act, to be fixed by regulations to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Taxes, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 4. That section sixteen, of the "Act to amend an act entitled 'An act to lay taxes for the common defence, and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,' approved 17th February, 1864," be, and the same is hereby, amended, so as to read as follows:

I. The income, property and money, other than Confederate treasury notes, of hospitals, asylums, churches, schools, colleges and other charitable institutions, shall be exempted from taxation under the provisions of this act, or any other law. The property of companies formed under the act entitled "An act to establish a volunteer navy," shall be exempt from taxation, except on the income.

II. That paragraph six, section seven, of the same act, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto, as follows:

"If any person shall fail to make due return, as required by said section, of the income or profits taxed under any law of Congress, or in case of disagreement with the assesor, to submit the same to referees, as provided by law, or shall fail or refuse to pay the tax theron, within such time as shall be prescibed by public notice, by the district collector, under the direction of the Commissioner of Taxes, such person shall be deemed and held to be in default: *Provided*, That such person shall not be deemed and held to be in default, who may fail, or

has failed to make payment, or due returns in consequence of the presence or interference of the enemy, or the absence or neglect of the officers charged with the assessment and collection of taxes."

Sec. 5. That this act shall not be so construed as to subject to taxation, corn, bacon, and other agricultural products, which were produced in the year 1863, and in the possession of the producer on the 17th February, 1864, and necessary for the support of himself and family during the present year, and from or on which taxes in kind have have been deducted and delivered or paid.

Sec. 6. That section four, paragraphs one and two, of the act approved February 17, 1864, entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government," be so amended as to levy an additional tax of thirty per cent. upon the amount of all profits made by selling the articles mentioned in the said paragraphs, between the 17th day of February, 1864, and the first day of July next, which additional tax shall be collected under said act.

Sec. 7. That on all treasury notes of the old issue, of the denomination of five dollars, not exchanged for new issue prior to the 1st day of January, 1865, and which may remain outstanding on that day, a tax of one hundred per cent. is hereby imposed

Sec. 8. That section seven of an act entitled "An act to levy additional taxes for the common defence and support of the Government," approved 17th February, 1864, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

I. That the first section of the "Act to lay taxes for the common defence and to carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved 24th April, 1863, is suspended for the year 1864.

II. In all cases where a tax is levied on income derived from property, real, personal and mixed of every description, on the amount or value of which an *ad valorem* tax is laid, the *ad valorem* tax shall be deducted from the income tax: *Provided*, That in no case shall less be paid than the *ad valorem* tax.

III. In the assessment of income derived from manufacturing or mining, there shall be deducted from the gross income or profits, the necessary annual repairs, not exceeding ten per cent. on the amount of the income derived therefrom. And, in addition to the deductions now allowed by law in the assessment of incomes derived from any source, the following shall be made, namely: The Confederate taxes actually paid by the owner on sales made by him, and the commissions actually paid by the consignor or shipper for selling, and in the production or manufacture of pig metal, or other iron, the cost of fuel.

Sec. 9. That all citizens of any one of the Confederate States, temporarily residing in another State, shall be liable to be assessed and taxed in the State or district in which he may temporarily reside, and it shall be the duty of all such who have not heretofore made return of their taxable property to the district assessor where they may temporarily reside, within thirty days after the passage of this act, to make such return, and any one liable to be assessed and taxed as aforesaid who shall fail or refuse, within the said period of thirty days to make such return, shall be liable to all the pains and penalties imposed by the laws of the Confederate States in such case.