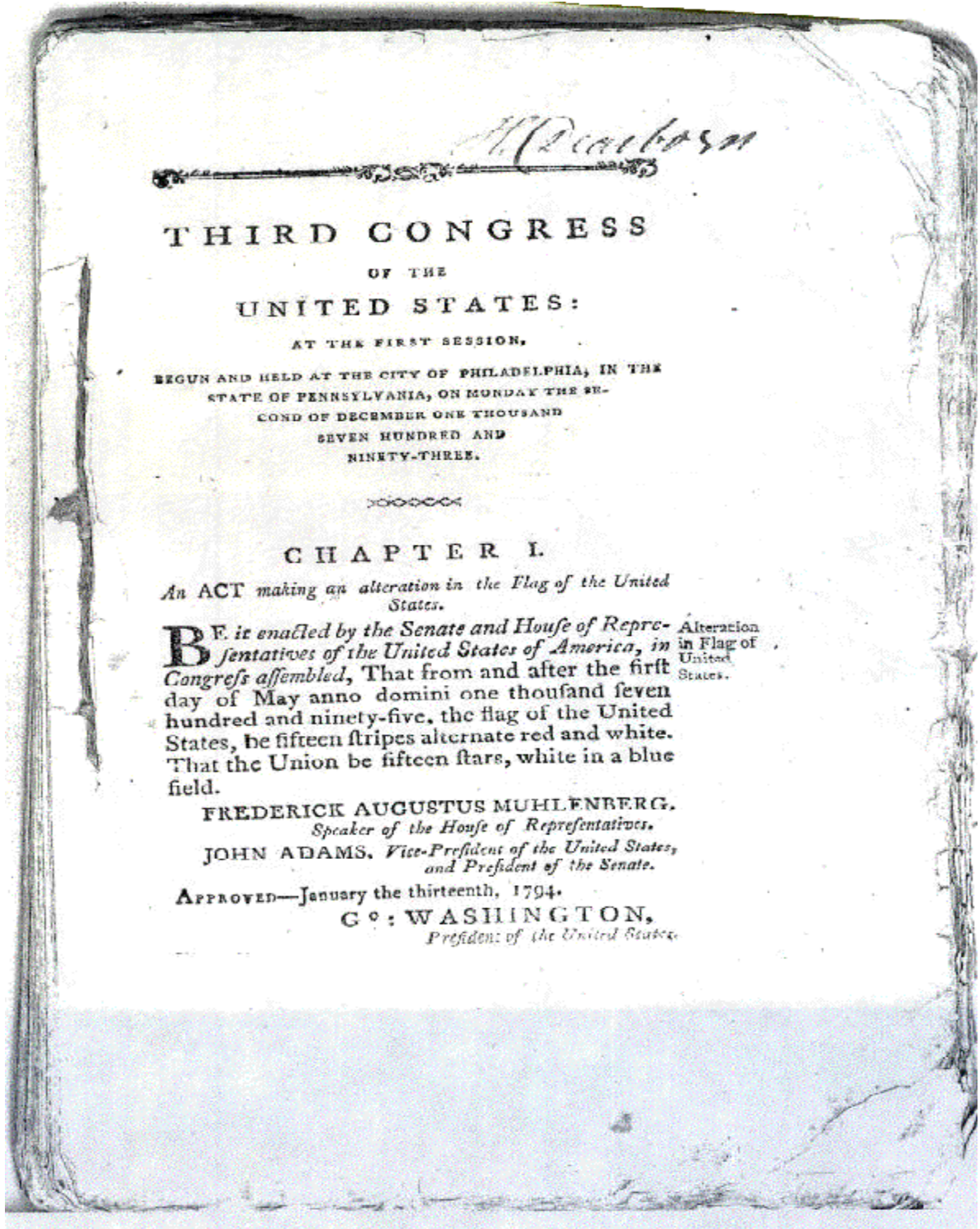


“Third Congress of the United States at the First Session, begun and held at the City of Philadelphia”

Acts printed include an act authorizing the eleventh amendment to be submitted to the states for ratification, [an act prohibiting slave trade with other nations](#), an act establishing the U.S. Navy, an act altering the U.S. Flag to reflect the admission of Vermont and Tennessee into the Union, an act establishing the U.S. Post Office, as well as the budget for 1794. Other private acts include authorizations for payment of revolutionary war veterans Arthur St. Clair and Lafayette. Approved in print by President George Washington, March 22, 1794.



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FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,*
and President of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the twenty first 1794.

G^o : WASHINGTON,
President of the United States.

CHAPTER XI.

An ACT to prohibit the carrying on the Slave-trade from
 the United States to any foreign place or country.

Sec. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House
 of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That no
 citizen or citizens of the United States, or fo-
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or place of the said United States, nor shall cause any ship or vessel to sail from any port or place within the same, for the purpose of carrying on any trade or traffic in slaves, to any foreign country; or for the purpose of procuring, from any foreign kingdom, place or country, the inhabitants of such kingdom, place or country, to be transported to any foreign country, port or place whatever, to be sold or disposed of, as slaves: And if any ship or vessel shall be so fitted out, as aforesaid, for the said purposes, or shall be caused to sail, so as aforesaid, every such ship or vessel, her tackle, furniture, apparel and other appurtenances, shall be forfeited to the United States; and shall be liable to be seized, prosecuted and condemned, in any of the circuit courts or district court for the district, where the said ship or vessel may be found and seized.

Forfeiture on persons aiding or abetting contrary to this act.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every person, so building, fitting out, equipping, loading, or otherwise preparing, or sending away, any ship or vessel, knowing, or intending, that the same shall be employed in such trade or business, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, or any ways aiding or abetting therein, shall severally forfeit and pay the sum of two thousand dollars, one moiety thereof, to the use of the United States, and the other moiety thereof, to the use of him or her, who shall sue for and prosecute the same.

In what cases owners of vessels shall give bond.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the owner, master or factor of each and every foreign ship or vessel, clearing out for any of the coasts or kingdoms of Africa, or suspected to be intended for the slave-trade, and the suspicion being declared to the officer of the customs, by any citizen, on oath or affirmation, and such information being to the satisfaction of the said

officer, shall first give bond with sufficient sureties, to the Treasurer of the United States, that none of the natives of Africa, or any other foreign country or place, shall be taken on board the said ship or vessel, to be transported, or sold as slaves, in any other foreign port or place whatever, within nine months thereafter.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any citizen or citizens of the United States shall, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, take on board, receive or transport any such persons, as above described, in this act, for the purpose of selling them as slaves, as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay, for each and every person, so received on board, transported, or sold as aforesaid, the sum of two hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court of the United States proper to try the same; the one moiety thereof, to the use of the United States, and the other moiety to the use of such person or persons, who shall sue for and prosecute the same.

Forfeiture on contravening this act.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,*
and President of the Senate.

APPROVED—March the twenty-second, 1794.

G^o: WASHINGTON,
President of the United States.

CHAPTER XII.

An ACT to provide a Naval Armament.

WHEREAS the depredations committed by the Algerine corsairs on the commerce of the United States render it necessary that a naval force should be provided for its protection:

Sec. 1. *BE it therefore 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 authorized to pro-

President of United States to provide 4 ships of 44 guns.