13th March, 1800.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house to morrow.

A Bill

Providing the means of intercourse between the United States and Foreign Nations.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of*
2 *America, in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States
3 shall be, and he hereby is authorized todraw from the Treasury of the
4 United States, a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars annually, to
5 be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
6 for the support of such persons as he shall commission to serve the
7 United States in foreign parts, and for the expence incident to the
8 business in which they may be employed.

1 *And be it further enacted,* That exclusive of an outfit which shall in
2 no case exceed the amount of one year's full salary to any minister
3 plenipotentiary or charge des affairs, to whom the same may be
4 allowed, the President of the United States shall not allow to any
5 minister plenipotentiary a greater sum than at the rate of nine thou-
6 sand dollars per annum, as a compensation for all his personal services
7 and expenses: nor a greater sum for the same than four thousand
8 five hundred dollars per annum to a charge des affaires: nor a
9 greater sum for the same than one thousand three hundred and fifty
10 dollars per annum to the secretary of any minister plenipotentiary.

1 *And be it further enacted*, That where any ſum or ſums of money
2 ſhall be drawn from the Treaſury under authority of this act the
3 Preſident ſhall be and he hereby is authorized to cauſe the ſame to be
4 duly ſettled annually with the accounting officers of the Treaſury, in
5 manner following, that is to ſay, by cauſing the ſame to be accounted
6 for ſpecifically in all inſtances wherein the expenditure thereof may in his
7 judgment be made public, and by making a certificate or certificates,
8 or cauſing the Secretary of State to make a certificate of the amount
9 of ſuch expenditures, as he may think it adviſable not to ſpecify, and
10 every ſuch certificate ſhall be deemed a ſufficient voucher for the ſum
11 or ſums therein expreſſed to have been expended.

1 *And be it further enacted*, That the act paſſed on the nineteenth day
2 of March one thouſand ſeven hundred and ninety-eight, intituled
3 "An act providing the means of intercourſe between the United
4 States and foreign nations," ſhall be and the ſame is hereby repealed.