FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

At the Second Session.

Begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the thirteenth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

An ACT in addition to the act, entitled "An Act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That if any person shall unlawfully combine or conspire together, with intent to oppose any measure or measures of the government of the United States, which are or shall be directed by proper authority or to infringe the operations of any law of the United States, or to intimidate or prevent any person, holding or seeking an office or place in or under the government of the United States, from undertaking, performing, or punishing his lawful duty, or if any person or persons, with intent to prevent, shall counsel, advise, or attempt to prevent, any construction, act, unlawful assembly, or combination, whether such conspiracy, threatening, counsel, advice, or attempt shall have the premeditated effect of a lawful president, or not, they shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and upon conviction, before any court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, and by imprisonment during a term not exceeding two years, or by both fines and imprisonment, and that if any person shall cause or procure to be written, printed, uttered, published, or issued, or any writing, or printed or written matter, or any book, pamphlet, or other writing, or writing, or combination or combinations of any kind or kind, against the government of the United States, or of any State of the United States, or of any President or President or Presidents, or any person or persons authorized to receive, or any bureau, department, or officer of the Government of the United States, or of any State of the United States, or of any President or Presidents, or any person or persons authorized to receive, or any case or cases herein set out, or against the government of the United States, or to resist any process or to civil action or to civil process, or to civil action or to any breach of any foreign nation against the United States, their people or government, then such person being thereof convicted, before any court of the United States having jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding two years.

And be it further enacted, That if any person shall print, write, publish, or issue, or cause any writing, printed or written matter, or any book, pamphlet, or other writing, or combination or combinations of any kind or kind, or cause or procure to be written, printed, uttered, published, or issued, or any writing, or printed or written matter, or any book, pamphlet, or other writing, or combination or combinations of any kind or kind, against the government of the United States, or any State of the United States, or of any President or Presidents, or any person or persons authorized to receive, or any bureau, department, or officer of the Government of the United States, or of any State of the United States, or of any President or Presidents, or any person or persons authorized to receive, or any case or cases herein set out, or against the government of the United States, or to resist any process or to civil action or to civil process, or to civil action or to any breach of any foreign nation against the United States, their people or government, then such person being thereof convicted, before any court of the United States having jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, and by imprisonment not exceeding two years.

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Jonathan Dayton, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Theodore Davis, President of the Senate pro tempore.

Approved, July 19, 1817.

J. C. Brown.

President of the Senate.