

ACTS OF THE THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the second day of December, 1793, and ended on the ninth day of June, 1794.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President; JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; RALPH IZARD, President of the Senate pro tempore; FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act making an alteration in the Flag of the United States.*

Jan. 13, 1794.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, the flag of the United States, be fifteen stripes alternate red and white. That the Union be fifteen stars, white in a blue field.(a)

APPROVED, January 13, 1794.

Alteration in Flag of United States.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act in alteration of the act establishing a Mint and regulating the Coins of the United States.*

March 3, 1794.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passing this act it shall be the duty of the treasurer of the mint to receive and give receipts for all metals which may lawfully be brought to the mint to be coined; and for the purpose of ascertaining their respective qualities, shall deliver from every parcel so received, a sufficient number of grains to the assayer, who shall assay all such of them as may require it. And the said treasurer shall from time to time deliver the said metals to the chief coiner to be coined in such quantities as the director of the mint may prescribe.

Duty of Treasurer of the mint herein.

Act of April 2, 1792, ch. 16.

Assay.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the assayer and chief coiner of the mint previous to entering upon the execution of their respective offices shall each become bound to the United States of America with one or more sureties to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the said assayer in the sum of one thousand dollars and the said chief coiner in the sum of five thousand dollars, with condition for the faithful and diligent performance of the duties of his office.

Assayer and chief coiner to give bond, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act entitled "An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States," as comes within the purview of this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of certain act repealed.

1792, ch. 16.

APPROVED, March 3, 1794.

(a) By the act of April 4, 1818, chap. 32, the following provision is made relating to the flag of the United States:

SEC. 1. That from and after the 4th of July next, (July 4, 1818,) the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternately red and white. That the union be twenty stars white in a blue field.

SEC. 2. That on the admission of any new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next ensuing.