

Appropriation. dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses to be incurred under the provisions of this act, to be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 21, 1806.

STATUTE I.

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CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act in addition to an act, intituled "An act supplementary to the act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes."*

Second and fourth sections of the act of March 3, 1801, ch. 20, repealed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second and fourth sections of "An act providing for a naval peace establishment, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby repealed.

President to keep in actual service, in time of peace, as many frigates as he may think proper.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to keep in actual service, in time of peace, so many of the frigates and other public armed vessels of the United States, as in his judgment the nature of the service may require, and to cause the residue thereof to be laid up in ordinary in convenient ports.

Rest to be laid up.

Armed vessels to be officered and armed as the President chooses.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the public armed vessels of the United States, in actual service, in time of peace, shall be officered and manned, as the President of the United States shall direct; provided that the officers shall not exceed the following numbers and grades, that is to say; thirteen captains, nine masters commandant, seventy-two lieutenants, and one hundred and fifty midshipmen: but the said officers shall receive no more than half their monthly pay, during the time when they shall not be under orders for actual service; and provided further, that the whole number of able seamen, ordinary seamen and boys shall not exceed nine hundred and twenty-five; but the President may appoint, for the vessels in actual service, so many surgeons, surgeon's mates, sailing masters, chaplains, pursers, boatswains, gunners, sail makers, and carpenters, as may in his opinion be necessary and proper.

Number of officers.

Half pay to officers not under orders.

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CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act for the regulation of the times of holding the courts of the district of Columbia, and for other purposes.*

Session of the court of Washington changed.

Of Alexandria likewise.

Present courts adjourned accordingly.

Process made returnable according to the change.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the circuit court for Washington county, in the district of Columbia, shall hereafter commence and be held on the first Monday in June in each year, instead of the fourth Monday in July, as now fixed by law; and the circuit court for Alexandria county, in said district, on the first Monday in July, instead of the fourth Monday in June, as now established; and that the circuit court for Washington county, which now stands adjourned to the fourth Monday in July next, shall be, and is hereby adjourned to the first Monday in June next; and the circuit court for Alexandria county shall be adjourned to, and held on the first Monday in July next; and that all process whatsoever, now issued, or that may be issued in the respective counties of Washington and Alexandria, in said district, returnable to the fourth Mondays in June and July next, respectively, or to any particular day in the first, second, or other succeeding weeks during the said terms, as heretofore established, shall be returnable, and returned to the first Mondays in June and July next, or to corresponding days in the first, second, or other succeeding weeks during the said terms, respectively, as now by this law established; and all causes, recognizances, pleas, and proceedings, civil and criminal, returnable to, and depending before the said courts, at the respective times of holding

the same as heretofore established, shall be returned and continued to the said first Monday in June and July next, in the same counties, respectively, in the same manner, as if the said causes, recognizances, pleas and proceedings, had been regularly returned or continued to the said respective times appointed by this act, for holding the said courts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the act, intituled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the district of Columbia," shall extend to any debtor who may have been, or hereafter shall be arrested and holden to bail in the said district, and who at the time of his arrest shall have been a resident in the said district one year, next preceding his arrest.

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Provisions of a former act extended to insolvent debtors.  
1803, ch. 31.

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CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act continuing in force for a further time, the first section of the act intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."*

[Obsolete.]  
Act of March 26, 1804, ch. 46.  
1807, ch. 30.  
1808, ch. 11.  
1809, ch. 7.  
1809, ch. 5.  
1811, ch. 3.  
1812, ch. 18.  
1813, ch. 40.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of the act passed on the twenty-fifth (sixth) day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," as is contained in the first section of the said act, be, and the same hereby is continued in force until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

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CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act supplementary to an act intituled "An act for ascertaining and adjusting the titles and claims to land, within the territory of Orleans, and the district of Louisiana."(a)*

Act of March 2, 1805, ch. 26.  
What shall be considered an actual settlement according to the second section of the act to which this is a supplement.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That every person or persons claiming a tract of land, by virtue of the second section of the act, to which this act is a supplement, and who had commenced an actual settlement on such tract, prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred, and had continued actually to inhabit and cultivate the same, during the term of three years from the time when such actual settlement had commenced, and prior to the twentieth day of December, eighteen hundred and three, shall be considered as having made such settlement with the permission of the proper Spanish officer, although it may not be in the power of such person or persons to produce sufficient evidence of such permission.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons rightfully claiming a tract of land, not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, by virtue of the act, to which this act is a supplement, shall be confirmed in his or their claims, if otherwise embraced by the provisions of the said act, although the person or persons, under whom the claim or claims originated, were not at the time when the same originated, above the age of twenty-one years: *Provided*, that the tract of land thus claimed, had been for the space of ten consecutive years, prior to the twentieth day of December, eighteen hundred and three, in the quiet possession of, and actually inhabited and cultivated by such person or persons, or for his or their use.

Claimants to land not exceeding 640 acres under persons who were not of the age of 21 years confirmed in their titles, if their claims are in other respects regular.  
Provido that the claimants shall have been in possession of the lands for 10 years.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the time fixed by the act to which this act is a supplement, for delivering to the register of the proper land-office notices in writing, and the written evidences of claims to land in the territory of Orleans, be, and the same is hereby extended,

(a) See notes to act of March 2, 1805, chap. 26.