

# ACTS OF THE TENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh day of November, 1808, and ended on the third day of March, 1809.*

THOMAS JEFFERSON, President; GEORGE CLINTON, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate; STEPHEN R. BRADLEY, President of the Senate pro tempore, from the 4th to the 7th of January, 1809; JOHN MILLEDGE, President of the Senate pro tempore, from January 30th, 1809; J. B. VARNUM, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to authorize the transportation of a certain Message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same.*

Nov. 18, 1808.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the members of Congress and delegates from the several territories of the United States be, and they are hereby authorized to transmit by mail, free of postage, the message of the President of the United States of the eighth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, and documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate, and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States and territories thereof, to which they may respectively direct, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, November 18, 1808.

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CHAP. III.—*An Act authorizing the President of the United States to employ an additional number of revenue cutters.*

Jan. 6, 1809.

*Be it 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, and he is hereby empowered to procure so many revenue cutters, not exceeding twelve, as may be necessary for the public service, the expense whereof shall be paid out of the product of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

APPROVED, January 6, 1809.

Additional revenue cutters to be employed not to exceed twelve.

[Obsolete.]

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CHAP. IV.—*An Act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War at the seat of government.*

Jan. 7, 1809.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every pension or arrearage of pension that shall be due on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, or that may thereafter become due to any officer or soldier residing in either of the United States, or the territories

Pensions to be paid at Washington where agents to pay pensions have not been appointed.

thereof, in which there hath not been appointed an agent for the payment of pensions, shall be paid at the seat of the government of the United States, by the secretary for the war department, and the name of the pensioner shall, on his application to the Secretary at War, be transferred from the books of the state in which it was originally enregistered to a register, to be opened for that purpose at the war office of the United States.

APPROVED, January 7, 1809.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 9, 1809.

[Repealed.]

Act of Dec.

22, 1807, ch. 5.

Act of Jan. 9,

1808, ch. 8.

Act of March

12, 1808, ch. 33.

Act of April

25, 1808, ch. 66.

Act of March

1, 1809, ch. 24.

Direct or in-

direct exporta-

tion of specie,

&c. prohibited.

Penalties.

Proviso.

Informers to  
be entitled to  
one half the fine.

Permit pre-  
viously required  
to the lading of  
vessels.

Ladings to be  
made under the  
inspection of re-  
venue officers.  
Conditions.

CHAP. V.—*An Act to enforce and make more effectual an act intituled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," and the several acts supplementary thereto.*(a)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if any person or persons shall put, place, or load on board any ship, vessel, boat or water craft, or into any cart, wagon, sled, or other carriage or vehicle, with or without wheels, any specie, goods, wares or merchandise, with intent to export, transport or convey the same without the United States or the territories thereof, to any foreign place, kingdom or country, or with intent to convey the same on board any foreign ship or vessel within or without the limits of the United States, or with the intent in any other manner to evade the acts to which this act is a supplement, all such specie, goods, wares and merchandise, and also the ship, vessel, boat, water craft, cart, wagon, sled, or other carriage or vehicle, on board, or in which the same may be so put, placed, or loaded as aforesaid, shall be forfeited, and the person or persons so putting, placing or loading the same as aforesaid, and also the aiders and abettors therein, shall, upon conviction, be adjudged guilty of a high misdemeanor, and fined a sum, by the court before which the conviction is had, equal to four times the value of such specie, goods, wares and merchandise: *Provided however,* that this section shall not be construed to extend to any person or persons, not being the owner or owners of such specie, goods, wares or merchandise, who shall first inform and make complaint to the collector of the district of any such offence committed within the same district; and any informer or informers, not being the owner or owners as aforesaid, upon conviction of the offenders, shall be entitled to one half of the fine aforesaid, when the same shall be received by the United States, and shall be entitled to a certificate for that purpose from the court before whom the conviction shall be had.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall not be lawful to put on board any ship, vessel, or boat of any description whatever, any specie or goods, wares or merchandise, either of domestic or foreign growth, produce, or manufacture, and the same is hereby prohibited, unless a permit particularly stating the articles thus to be laden shall have been previously obtained from the collector of the district, in which such ship, vessel, or boat may then be, or from a revenue officer specially authorized by the collector to grant such permits; nor unless the lading shall be made under the inspection of the proper revenue officers, nor unless the owner or owners, consignee or factor of such ship, vessel, or boat shall, with the master, have given bond with one or more sureties to the United States, in a sum six times the value of the vessel and cargo, that the vessel shall not leave the port without a clearance, nor shall, when leaving the port, proceed to a foreign port or place, nor shall put any article on board of any other vessel; and that the whole cargo shall be relanded either in the port where the vessel may then be, or in such other port of the United States as shall be designated in the clearance.

(a) See notes to act of December 22, 1807, chap. 5.