

The benefit of this act not to extend to purchasers of land northwest of the Ohio, prior to April 1, 1809.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1814.

[Expired.]

Act of Feb. 25, 1813, ch. 31, continued in force for one year.

shall revert in like manner, if the sum due with interest be not at such sale bidden and paid: *Provided*, That the benefit of this act shall not extend to any person or persons on account of any purchase of any tract or tracts of land made at any of the land offices, northwest of the river Ohio, prior to the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

APPROVED, February 19, 1814.

CHAP. XV.—*An act to continue in force an act to raise ten additional companies of rangers.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act, entitled “An act to raise ten additional companies of rangers,” passed the twenty-fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, be and the same is hereby continued in force for one year from and after the date of the passage of this act.

APPROVED, February 24, 1814.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1814.

[Obsolete.]

Services of certain volunteers may be accepted by the President.

Act of Feb. 6, 1812, ch. 21.

Act of July 6, 1812, ch. 138.

Volunteers to engage to serve five years.

Their bounty, pay, and emoluments.

Act of March 30, 1814, ch. 37, sec. 21.

CHAP. XVI.—*An act to authorize the President to receive into service certain volunteer corps.*

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 authorized to receive into the service of the United States such proportion of the volunteers authorized by the act of sixth February, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and the act supplementary thereto, of the sixth July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and accepted under the authority of said acts, as in his judgment the public service may require: *Provided*, That the volunteers so received shall engage to serve for five years or during the war, unless sooner discharged.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the volunteers which shall be taken into service under the authority of the preceding section, shall be entitled to the same bounty, pay, rations, clothing, forage, and emoluments of every kind, and to the same benefits and allowances as the regular troops of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers of corps of volunteers which shall be taken into service, shall rank according to grade and the dates of their commissions or appointments with other officers of the army.

APPROVED, February 24, 1814.

STATUTE II.

March 4, 1814.

[Obsolete.]

President authorized to grant permission to vessels loaded in whole or in part, in certain cases, to return to the districts to which they belong.

Act of Dec. 17, 1813, ch. 1.

CHAP. XVII.—*An act to provide for the return to their own districts of vessels detained by the embargo in districts other than those where they are respectively owned or belong.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to authorize the collectors of the customs to grant permission to ships or vessels of the United States, which, at the time when the masters thereof received notice of the act passed on the seventeenth day of December last, “laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States,” were in a district other than that where the said ships or vessels were owned or belonged, to return to the district where the owner or owners of such ships or vessels reside, in ballast, or with the cargoes other than provi-

sions, naval and military stores, which were on board the same when the masters received notice of the act as aforesaid: *Provided*, That no such permission shall be granted until the owner or master of such ship or vessel, together with one or more sufficient sureties, shall have given bond in four times the value of such vessel, and of the cargo if any there be on board, conditioned that the said ship or vessel shall not proceed to any other port or place than that mentioned in her clearance, nor put any article on board of any other vessel or boat during the voyage. And if such ship or vessel shall proceed to any foreign port or place, or put any article on board of any other vessel or boat during the voyage, or be guilty of any other act contrary to the provisions of the act before mentioned, "laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States," or contrary to the provisions of this act, the said ship or vessel, her tackle and apparel shall be forfeited, and the master shall moreover forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, and shall be imprisoned for a term not less than six months nor exceeding one year.

Act of Dec.
17, 1813, ch. 1.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the master of every vessel receiving a permission under this act shall, before the departure of the same from port, make out under oath, and deliver to the collector of the district, a list of the seamen on board the same, the whole of which shall be landed at the port or place to which the vessel is permitted to proceed, under penalty of five hundred dollars, to be recovered of the master of such vessel before any court of the United States having competent jurisdiction, for every seaman which shall not be thus landed, except death or other unavoidable casualty shall prevent the same. And no vessel receiving such permission shall take on board a number of seamen more than sufficient to navigate the same, of the sufficiency of which number the collector shall be the judge, and shall be authorized to refuse a clearance and permission to depart, if the number of seamen on board shall exceed that which may in his opinion be necessary. No passengers shall be transported in such vessel, other than the owner, supercargo, or agent for the same, or for the cargo, if any there be on board.

Equipment of
such vessels, as
to seamen.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no ship or vessel shall be entitled to the benefit of this act unless the permission hereby authorized to be granted shall be applied for within three months after the passage thereof.

Limitation of
time in which
permission may
be obtained.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States may instruct the collectors of the customs, under such restrictions and limitations as he may deem proper, to clear out for any district within the United States or the territories thereof, any vessels wholly employed in the transportation of military or naval stores, provisions, or other articles on public account; and if any such vessel, after the delivery of such public property at any port or place within the United States or the territories thereof, shall cease to be employed in the transportation of public property as aforesaid, such vessel may be permitted to return to the port or place of lading, or proceed in ballast only to the district to which such vessel may belong, any thing in the "Act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States," passed during the present session of congress, to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Act of Dec.
17, 1813, ch. 1.

APPROVED, March 4, 1814.