

ACTS OF THE FOURTEENTH 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 the second day of December, 1816, and ended on the third day of March, 1817.

JAMES MADISON, President of the United States; JOHN GALLIARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives. (a)

STATUTE II.

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Jan. 14, 1817.

CHAP. III.—*An Act supplementary to an act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage.* (b)

Tonnage duties to be the same as by the act of 20th July, 1790, ch. 30, except, &c. Act of April 27, 1816, ch. 107. Act of March 3, 1817, ch. 109.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the tonnage duties to be paid by ships or vessels which shall be entered in the United States, excepting only such foreign ships or vessels as shall be entered from any foreign port or place to or with which vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to go and trade, shall be the same as are provided by the act, entitled "An act imposing duties on the tonnage of ships or vessels," passed on the twentieth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety: *Provided always,* That nothing in this act contained shall be deemed in any wise to impair any rights and privileges which have been or may be acquired by any foreign nation under the laws and treaties of the United States relative to the duty on tonnage of vessels.

Proviso: as to treaty rights, &c.

Two dollars per ton on vessels from ports where, &c.

The duties to be collected as prescribed by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That on all foreign ships or vessels, which shall be entered in the United States before the thirtieth day of June next, from any foreign port or place, to and with which vessels of the United States are not ordinarily permitted to go and trade, there shall be paid a duty at the rate of two dollars per ton. And the duties provided by this act shall be levied and collected in the same manner and under the same regulations as are prescribed by law in relation to the duties upon tonnage now in force.

APPROVED, January 14, 1817.

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Jan. 20, 1817.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act to authorize a new edition of the collection of laws respecting the public lands.*

[Obsolete.]

The collection of land laws to be revised, &c.

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 hereby is, authorized to cause the collection of laws, resolutions, and treaties, printed under authority of an act, entitled

(a) The decease of the Honourable Elbridge Gerry made the office of Vice President of the Senate vacant during this session.

(b) See note of the acts relating to duties on tonnage, vol. i. 27.

"An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands," passed on the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ten, to be revised, and the acts passed, and treaties formed, subsequent to the publication of the said collection, and relating to the public lands, to be embraced therein; the acts to be digested and arranged in their proper order, and fifteen hundred copies thereof to be printed and preserved for the future disposition of Congress.

APPROVED, January 20, 1817.

Act of April 27, 1810, ch. 33.

The acts to be digested, &c. and 1500 copies to be printed, &c.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That towards the subsistence of the army for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, there be appropriated the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 22, 1817.

Jan. 22, 1817.

[Obsolete.]
40,000 dollars appropriated.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act to repeal, after the close of the present session of Congress, the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from territories," passed the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, from and after the close of the present session of Congress, the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from territories," passed the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to revive any act or acts, or parts of acts, repealed or suspended by the act hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 6, 1817.

Feb. 6, 1817.

The act of the 19th March, 1816, ch. 30, repealed.

Proviso: no other act revived.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. X.—*An Act to extend the provisions of the act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths, approved May the third, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the chairman of any standing committee, either of the House of Representatives or of the Senate of the United States, shall be empowered to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses in any case under their examination; and any person who shall be guilty of perjury before such committee shall be liable to the pains, penalties, and disabilities, prescribed for the punishment of the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury.

APPROVED, February 8, 1817.

Feb. 8, 1817.

Act of May 3, 1798, ch. 36.
The chairman of any standing committee empowered to administer oaths to witnesses, &c.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act to repeal the second section of an act, entitled "An act concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines, in the navy of the United States."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the second section

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[Obsolete.]

Second section of the act