

## STATUTE I.

May 28, 1830.

Proviso of act of May 26, 1824, ch. 161, repealed.

CHAP. CLII.—*An Act to repeal the proviso in "An act to authorize masters of vessels in certain cases to clear out either at the custom-house of Petersburg, or that of Richmond."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the proviso of an act, passed May twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act to authorize masters of vessels in certain cases to clear out either at the custom-house of Petersburg, or that of Richmond," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, May 28, 1830.

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May 29, 1830.

Solicitor of treasury.

Powers and duties.

Charge of lands, &c.

Release of lands, &c.

Papers of treasury agent to be transferred.

Direct taxes, &c.

Returns and reports.

Statements by collectors of bonds delivered for suit.

CHAP. CLIII.—*An Act to provide for the appointment of a solicitor of the treasury.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That there be appointed, by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, some suitable person, learned in the law, to be solicitor of the treasury; and that all and singular the powers and duties which are by law vested in, and required from, the agent of the treasury of the United States, shall be transferred to, vested in, and required from, the said solicitor of the treasury; and the said solicitor of the treasury shall also perform and discharge so much of the duties heretofore belonging to the office of commissioner, or acting commissioner of the revenue, as relates to the superintendence of the collection of outstanding direct and internal duties. And the said solicitor shall have charge of all lands and other property which have been or shall be assigned, set off, or conveyed to the United States, in payment of debts, and of all trusts created for the use of the United States, in payment of debts due them; and to sell and dispose of lands assigned, or set off to the United States, in payment of debts, or being vested in them by mortgage, or other security for the payment of debts; and in cases where real estate hath already become the property of the United States by conveyance, extent, or otherwise, in payment of a debt, and such debt hath been fully paid, in money, and the same hath been received by the United States, it shall and may be lawful for the solicitor of the treasury to release by deed, or otherwise convey the same real estate to the debtor from whom it was taken, if he shall be living, or if such debtor be dead, to his heirs or devisees, or such person as they shall appoint.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be transferred to the solicitor of the treasury, all books, papers, and records, belonging or appertaining to the office of agent of the treasury, or belonging and appertaining to the superintendence of the collection of outstanding direct taxes and internal duties; and the comptroller of the treasury, and all other officers, who have heretofore been required to cause accounts to be stated and certified, or to make out or forward lists, returns, reports, or statements, to the agent of the treasury, are hereby required to cause such accounts to be stated and certified, and such lists, returns, reports, and statements, to be made and forwarded to the solicitor of the treasury; and all lists, returns, reports, and statements, respecting outstanding direct taxes, and internal duties, heretofore required to be made to the commissioner or acting commissioner of the revenue, shall hereafter be made to the said solicitor of the treasury.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any bond for duties shall be delivered to a district attorney for suit, the collector so delivering the same shall immediately give information thereof to the solicitor