

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, should it be necessary to vary the above described daily allowance, it shall be lawful to substitute one pound of soft bread, or one pound of flour, or half a pound of rice, for fourteen ounces of biscuit; half a pint of wine for a gill of spirits; half a pound of rice for half a pint of beans or peas; half a pint of beans or peas for half a pound of rice. When it may be deemed expedient by the President of the United States, Secretary of the Navy, commander of a fleet or squadron, or of a single ship when not acting under the authority of another officer on foreign service, the articles of butter, cheese, raisins, dried apples or other dried fruits, pickles and molasses, may be substituted for each other and for spirits: *Provided*, The article substituted shall not exceed in value the article for which it may be issued, according to the scale of prices which is or may be established for the same.

Soft bread, &c. may be substituted for biscuit.

Articles allowed to be substituted for each other in certain cases. Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in cases of necessity, the daily allowance of provisions may be diminished or varied by the discretion of the senior officer present in command, but payment shall be made to the persons whose allowance shall be thus diminished, according to the scale of prices which is or may be established for the same: but a commander who shall thus make a diminution or variation shall report to his commanding officer or to the Navy Department, the necessity for the same, and give to the purser written orders specifying particularly the diminution or reduction which is to be made.

In case of necessity, daily allowance may be diminished.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no commissioned officer or midshipman, or any person under twenty-one years of age, shall be allowed to draw the spirit part of the daily ration, and all other persons shall be permitted to relinquish that part of their ration, under such restrictions as the President of the United States may authorize: and to every person who, by this section, is prohibited from drawing, or who may relinquish, the spirit part of his ration, there shall be paid in lieu thereof, the value of the same in money, according to the prices which are or may be established for the same.

Spirits not allowed to persons under 21. Others may relinquish spirits.

Value to be paid in money.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall go into effect in the United States, on the first day of the succeeding quarter after it becomes a law, and in vessels abroad, on the first day of the succeeding quarter after its official receipt: and any acts and parts of acts which may be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, shall be and are hereby repealed.

Act to take effect, when.

Acts inconsistent herewith, repealed.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CCLXVIII.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to contract for the purchase, for the United States, of the right to use Babbit's anti-attribution metal.*

Aug. 29, 1842.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to contract for the purchase, from the proprietor of the patented interest therein, for the United States, of the right to use Babbit's anti-attribution metal in the construction of machinery and other work; subject to the ratification of Congress.

Authority to contract for the purchase there of.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CCLXIX.—*An Act establishing a court at Charleston, in the Commonwealth of Virginia. (a)*

Aug. 29, 1842.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That hereafter terms of the

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Courts of Virginia, vol. 3, 479.