

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTIETH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the 6th Day of December, 1847, and ended on the 14th Day of August, 1848.

JAMES K. POLK, President; GEORGE M. DALLAS, Vice-President, and President of the Senate; DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of the Senate on and after the twenty-ninth day of July, 1848; ROBERT C. WINTHROP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAPTER I. — *An Act making an Appropriation to supply, in Part, a Deficiency in the Appropriations for Subsistence in Kind of the Army and Volunteers during the Year ending the 30th June, 1848.*

Jan. 4, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to supply, in part, a deficiency in the appropriations for the subsistence in kind of the army and volunteers during the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Supply of deficiencies in former appropriations for subsistence in kind.

APPROVED, January 4, 1848.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to reorganize the General Land Office," approved July fourth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six.*

Jan. 26, 1848.

1836, ch. 352.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if at any time the number of patents for lands sold or granted under the authority of the United States, shall be such that they cannot be signed in reasonable time by the secretary appointed for that purpose under the sixth section of the above-recited act, that, in that case, the President shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint an assistant secretary, to sign the name, but the said assistant shall be employed by the express direction of the President, and only for such time as may be necessary to bring up the arrears of patents which may be ready for signature.

An assistant secretary may be employed to sign land patents.

APPROVED, January 26, 1848.

CHAP. V. — *An Act concerning certain Collection Districts, and for other Purposes.*

Jan. 26, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, Cold Spring, on the north side of Long Island, in the State of New York, be, and the same is hereby, made a port of delivery within the collection district of the port of New York, and that a surveyor be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at the said port of Cold Spring, who shall have power to enrol and license vessels to be employed in the coasting trade and fisheries, and to enter and clear, and grant registers and

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other usual papers to vessels employed in the whale fishery, under such restrictions and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem necessary, and who shall give the usual bond, perform the usual duties in the manner prescribed, and be entitled to receive the fees allowed by law to surveyors and collectors for the same duties, and no more. But all cargoes chargeable with duties shall be entered, and the duties paid, at the port of New York, before permission shall be granted to discharge the same at Cold Spring; that Greenport, on the north-east part of Long Island, in the State of New York, be, and the same is hereby, made a port of delivery for the towns of Southhold and Riverhead, within the collection district of the port of Sag Harbor, and that a surveyor be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at the said port of Greenport, who shall have like powers and fees, and be under the like restrictions, as is provided in this act for the surveyor of Cold Spring; but all cargoes chargeable with duties shall be entered, and the duties paid, at the port of Sag Harbor, before permission shall be granted to discharge the same at Greenport.

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CHAP. VI.—*An Act to provide Clothing for Volunteers in the Service of the United States.*

Clothing in kind may be furnished to volunteers, in lieu of commutation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in lieu of the money which, under existing laws, is allowed to volunteers as a commutation for clothing, the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the volunteers to be furnished with clothing in kind, at the same rates, according to grades, as is provided for the troops of the regular army.

APPROVED, January 26, 1848.

Jan. 31, 1848.

1847, ch. 16.
1847, ch. 34.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act exempting Vessels employed by the American Colonization Society in transporting Colored Emigrants from the United States to the Coast of Africa, from the Provisions of the Acts of the 22d February and 2d of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, regulating the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels.*

Passenger vessels of the American or Maryland Colonization Societies exempted from the acts of 1847, ch. 16, and ch. 34, respecting the carriage of passengers in vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, all and every vessel and vessels which shall or may be employed by the American Colonization Society, or by the Maryland State Colonization Society, to transport, and which shall actually transport, from any port or ports in the United States to any colony or colonies on the west coast of Africa, colored emigrants to reside there, shall be, and the same are hereby, excepted out of and exempted from the operation of the act entitled "An Act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels," passed twenty-second February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven; and of the act entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to regulate the carriage of passengers in merchant vessels, and to determine the time when said act shall take effect,'" passed second March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, January 31, 1848.

Feb. 2, 1848.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act making further Provisions for surviving Widows of the Soldiers of the Revolution.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person who served in the war of the revolution in the manner specified in the