

Feb. 23, 1887.

**CHAP. 218.**—An act to amend an act entitled an "Act to amend the Statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes", approved June tenth eighteen hundred and eighty.

Immediate transportation act amended.

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Merchandise liable to specific duties may be shipped without appraisement from port of entry upon application.

Provisos.

Ad valorem duties.

Application to be prior to landing.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the act entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to the immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," approved June tenth eighteen hundred and eighty, be, and the same are hereby, so amended as to allow merchandise liable to specific rates of duty only to be entered for immediate transportation without appraisement to any of the ports mentioned in the seventh section of said act, although the same may not appear by the invoice, bill of lading, or manifest of the importing vessel to be consigned to or destined for either of said ports, when the consignee at the port of first arrival shall make written application therefor to the collector, giving the name of the person at the port or destination to whom he desires the merchandise to be consigned; and whenever such application and entry shall be made, the original invoice presented by the consignee at the port of first arrival shall be forwarded, with a copy of the transportation entry, to the collector at the port of destination; and a copy of such invoice shall be retained on file at the port of first arrival. The original invoice so forwarded shall be treated as the only invoice of the merchandise upon which entry shall be made at the port of destination, and the person making such entry shall be held responsible for the statements contained therein in the same manner as if the merchandise had been originally consigned to him: *Provided, however,* That the privileges herein conferred shall not extend to any merchandise the duties upon which, or any portion thereof, depend upon the value of such merchandise: *And provided further,* That such privilege shall be granted only in cases where no part of the merchandise shall have been landed prior to entry for immediate transportation as aforesaid.

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**CHAP. 219.**—An act directing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to execute a deed of quitclaim and release to a certain alley in Washington to Cornelia P. Randolph and others.

Washington, D. C.  
Title of United States to alley, in square 105, released.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute to Cornelia P. Randolph, Mary M. Turner, Harriett J. Pickett, and Elizabeth G. Calvert a deed releasing and quitclaiming to said parties all right, title, and interest of the United States and of the District of Columbia in and to all that portion of the alley in square one hundred and five, in the city of Washington, as said alley is laid down in the plat or plan of said city, which was formerly the outlet for the main alley to I street north.

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**CHAP. 220.**—An act to amend an act to prohibit the importation and immigration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia.

Act prohibiting importation of laborers under contract amended.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an act to prohibit the importation and immigration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor in the United States, its Territories, and the District of Columbia, approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen

hundred and eighty-five, and to provide for the enforcement thereof, be amended by adding the following:

"SEC. 6. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby charged with the duty of executing the provisions of this act, and for that purpose he shall have power to enter into contracts with such State Commission, board, or officers as may be designated for that purpose by the Governor of any State to take charge of the local affairs of immigration in the ports within said State, under the rules and regulations to be prescribed by said Secretary; and it shall be the duty of such State Commission, board, or officers so designated to examine into the condition of passengers arriving at the ports within such State in any ship or vessel, and for that purpose all or any of such commissioners or officers, or such other person or persons as they shall appoint, shall be authorized to go on board of and through any such ship or vessel; and if in such examination there shall be found among such passengers any person included in the prohibition in this act, they shall report the same in writing to the collector of such port, and such persons shall not be permitted to land.

Contracts with State officers to take charge of immigration.

Examination of ships.

Prohibited persons not to be landed.

"SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish such regulations and rules, and issue from time to time such instructions, not inconsistent with law, as he shall deem best calculated for carrying out the provisions of this act; and he shall prescribe all forms of bonds, entries, and other papers to be used under and in the enforcement of the various provisions of this act.

Rules, etc., to be prescribed by Secretary of the Treasury.

"SEC. 8. That all persons included in the prohibition in this act, upon arrival, shall be sent back to the nations to which they belong and from whence they came. The Secretary of the Treasury may designate the State board of charities of any State in which such board shall exist by law, or any commission in any State, or any person or persons in any State, whose duty it shall be to execute the provisions of this section and shall be entitled to reasonable compensation therefor to be fixed by regulation prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe regulations for the return of the aforesaid persons to the countries from whence they came, and shall furnish instructions to the board, commission, or persons charged with the execution of the provisions of this section as to the time of procedure in respect thereto, and may change such instructions from time to time. The expense of such return of the aforesaid persons not permitted to land shall be borne by the owners of the vessels in which they came. And any vessel refusing to pay such expenses shall not thereafter be permitted to land at or clear from any port of the United States. And such expenses shall be a lien on said vessel. That the necessary expense in the execution of this act for the present fiscal year, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Return of prohibited persons.

Compensation.

Expenses of return.

Appropriation.

"SEC. 9. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

"SEC. 10. That this act shall take effect at the expiration of thirty days after its passage."

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CHAP. 221.—An act to amend section three thousand and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three thousand and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Ownership of imported merchandise.

R. S., sec. 3058, p. 588, amended.

Consignee deemed the owner.

Holder of bill of lading deemed consignee.

"SEC. 3058. All merchandise imported into the United States shall, for the purpose of this title, be deemed and held to be the property of the person to whom the merchandise may be consigned; but the holder of any bill of lading consigned to order and properly indorsed shall be