

nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the registering anew of any ship or vessel before registered, in case of a *bona fide* sale thereof to any citizen or citizens resident in the United States: *And provided also*, that satisfactory proof of the citizenship of the person on whose account a vessel may be purchased, shall be first exhibited to the collector, before a new register shall be granted for such vessel.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the proviso in the act, intituled "An act in addition to an act, intituled An act concerning the registering and recording of ships and vessels," passed the twenty-seventh of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, shall be taken and deemed to extend to the executors or administrators of the owner or owners of vessels, in the said proviso described.

APPROVED, March 27, 1804.

Any ship or vessel before registered, &c.

Satisfactory proof of the citizenship of the purchaser to be first exhibited to the collector.

Proviso in a former act extended to the representatives of a deceased owner of a ship.

Act of June 27, 1797, ch. 5.

STATUTE I.

March 27, 1804.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act supplementary to the act, intituled "An act providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes."*

*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 he is hereby authorized to attach to the navy yard at Washington, and to the frigates and other vessels laid up in ordinary in the Eastern Branch, a captain of the navy, who shall have the general care and superintendence of the same; and shall perform the duties of agent to the navy department, and shall be entitled to receive for his services, the pay and emoluments of a captain commanding a squadron on separate service.<sup>(a)</sup> And the President of the United States is hereby further authorized to attach permanently to the said navy yard and vessels, one other commissioned officer of the navy, who shall receive for his services, the pay and emoluments of a captain commanding a twenty gun ship, one surgeon and one surgeon's mate of the navy, who shall be severally allowed for their services, the same pay, rations and emoluments, as are allowed to a surgeon and to a surgeon's mate in the army of the United States; one sailing master, one head carpenter, one plumber, one head block maker, one head cooper, two boatswains, two gunners, one sail maker, one store keeper, one purser, one clerk of the yard, and also, such seamen and marines, as in the opinion of the President shall be deemed necessary: *Provided*, that the number of seamen or marines, shall not at any time be greater than what is at present authorized by the act to which this is a supplement.

A captain of the navy to be attached to the navy yard and vessels in ordinary at Washington. His duties, pay and emoluments.

Who else are to be attached to the navy yard and vessels in ordinary at Washington.

Proviso.

Repeal of a part of a former act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That that part of the act to which this is a supplement, which attaches to each frigate laid up in ordinary, one sailing master, one boatswain, one gunner, one carpenter, and one cook, one serjeant or corporal of marines and eight marines, and to the large frigates twelve, and to the small frigates ten seamen, and which declares that the sailing master shall have the care of the ship, and shall execute such duties of a purser as may be necessary, shall be, and hereby is repealed.

APPROVED, March 27, 1804.

STATUTE I.

March 27, 1804.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act supplementary to the act, intituled "An act concerning the City of Washington."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the several compensa-

(a) The act of March 27, 1804, by which the President of the United States was authorized to attach to the navy yard at Washington, a captain in the navy, for the performance of certain duties, was correctly construed by the navy department until 1829, allowing to the defendant commissions on sums paid by him as special agent of the navy department in making the disbursements. *United States v. M'Daniel*, 7 Peters, 1.

Act of March 3, 1803, ch. 29.

Commencement of the compensations and allowances established by an act of Congress, concerning city of Washington.

Allowance to the surveyor.

Superintendent authorized to pay the compensations and to defray other expenses:

And to settle with P. C. L'Enfant.

Out of what fund these compensations, &c. are to be paid.

#### STATUTE I.

March 27, 1804.

Appropriation for the public buildings.

tions and allowances established by the act, intituled "An act concerning the city of Washington," shall be computed from the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and two, being the time when the services, so compensated and allowed, commenced under the authority of the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the surveyor of the said city shall receive as a compensation for his services an allowance of three dollars per day.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of the city of Washington be, and he hereby is authorized to pay the said compensations and allowances, from the said first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and two, in conformity with the provision of the said recited act, until Congress shall otherwise direct; and also to pay and discharge all expenses of an incidental nature, which have been or may be incurred in the discharge of the functions of his office and the office of surveyor, which shall be approved by the President of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said superintendent be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to settle and pay the claim of Peter Charles L'Enfant, for his services whilst employed by the late board of commissioners, in the manner, and on the terms heretofore proposed by the said commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the several expenses authorized by this act, shall be paid and discharged out of any funds of the city of Washington, in possession of the superintendent, which are not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 27, 1804.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act concerning the Public Buildings at the City of Washington.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That fifty thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, in proceeding with the public buildings at the city of Washington, and in making such necessary improvements and repairs thereon, as he shall deem expedient.

APPROVED, March 27, 1804.

#### STATUTE I.

March 27, 1804.

Act of May 26, 1790, ch. 11. The attestation of the keeper of the records which may be kept in any public office of a state not appertaining to a court, under his seal of office, with a certificate of the presiding judge, or of the governor, chancellor, &c., that the attestation is in due

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act supplementary to the act intituled "An act to prescribe the mode in which the public acts, records and judicial proceedings in each State shall be authenticated so as to take effect in every other State."*(a)

*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 records and exemplifications of office books, which are or may be kept in any public office of any state, not appertaining to a court, shall be proved or admitted in any other court or office in any other state, by the attestation of the keeper of the said records or books, and the seal of his office thereto annexed, if there be a seal, together with a certificate of the presiding justice of the court of the county or district, as the case may be, in which such office is or may be kept; or of the governor, the secretary of state, the chancellor or the keeper of the great seal of the state, that the said attestation is in due form, and by the proper officer; and the said certificate, if given by the presiding justice of a court, shall be farther authenticated by the clerk or prothonary of the said court, who shall certify under his hand and the seal of his office, that

(a) See notes to act of May 26, 1790, chap. 11, vol. i. p. 122.