

several states herein after mentioned, so far as the same relate to the levying a duty on the tonnage of ships and vessels for the purposes therein mentioned until the tenth day of January next—that is to say: an act of the General Assembly of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, at their session held in January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, intituled “An act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the River Machine Company, in the town of Providence, and for other purposes therein mentioned;” and also, an act of the General Assembly of the state of Maryland, at their session in April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, intituled “An act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county;” as also, another act of the General Assembly of the same state, passed at their session in November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, intituled “A supplement to the act intituled, An act appointing wardens for the port of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county;” and also, an act of the state of Georgia, “for levying and appropriating a duty on tonnage, for the purpose of clearing the river Savannah, and removing the wrecks and other obstructions therein.”

APPROVED, August 11, 1790.

Act of May 12, 1796.

[Expired.]
Certain acts of several states, that relate to the tonnage of vessels declared to be in operation till the tenth of January next.

The act of August 11, 1790, ch. 45, is inserted among the private laws.

STATUTE II.

August 12, 1790.

[Obsolete.]

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act making certain Appropriations therein mentioned.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be appropriated to the purposes herein after mentioned, to be paid out of the monies arising from the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels, the following sums—to wit: The sum of thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents, towards discharging certain debts contracted by Abraham Skinner, late commissary of prisoners, on account of the subsistence of the officers of the late army while in captivity: The sum of forty thousand dollars, towards discharging certain debts contracted by colonel Timothy Pickering, late quartermaster general, and which sum was included in the amount of a warrant drawn in his favour by the late superintendent of the finances of the United States, and which warrant was not discharged: The sum of one hundred and four thousand three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents, for the several purposes specified in an estimate accompanying the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the fifth instant, including one thousand dollars for defraying the expenses of certain establishments for the security of navigation of the like nature with those mentioned in the act, intituled “An act for the establishment and support of light-houses, beacons, buoys and public piers,” but not particularly specified therein: The sum of one hundred and eighty-one dollars and forty-two cents, for reimbursing the Secretary at War an advance by him made on account of George Morgan White Eyes, over and above the sum heretofore appropriated on account of the said George Morgan White Eyes: The sum of six hundred and thirty-two dollars and eighty cents, for the services and expenses of Isaac Guion, employed by direction of the President of the United States, in relation to the resolution of Congress of the twenty-sixth of August last: The sum of forty-one dollars and forty-seven cents, for reimbursing the treasurer of the United States the costs by him paid on a protested bill: The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for the salary of an interpreter of the French language, employed in the department of state: The sum of three hundred and twenty-six dollars and six cents, for sundry expenditures by Richard Phillips, on account of the household of the late President of Congress, and for certain unsatisfied claims against the same: The sum of seven

*Sum granted to A. Skinner, and

T. Pickering;

and for purposes estimated in a report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

hundred and fifty dollars, towards compensating the late loan officer of Pennsylvania, for his services in relation to the re-exchange of certificates granted by the state of Pennsylvania, in lieu of certificates of the United States; which several sums so included in the said sum of one hundred and four thousand three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents, are hereby authorized and granted: And the farther sum of fifty thousand dollars, towards discharging such demands on the United States, not otherwise provided for, as shall have been ascertained and admitted in due course of settlement at the treasury, and which are of a nature according to the usage thereof, to require payment in specie.

APPROVED, August 12, 1790.

STATUTE II.

August 12, 1790.

Act of March, 3, 1791, ch. 25.
Act of May 8, 1792, ch. 38.
Recital.

The surplus of the product of duties on goods and tonnage to December next, to be applied to the purchase of the public debt.

By whose direction purchases are to be made; and

in what manner.

The account of purchasing to be settled as other public accounts.

Report of proceedings to be laid before Congress.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act making Provision for the Reduction of the Public Debt.*

It being desirable by all just and proper means, to effect a reduction of the amount of the public debt, and as the application of such surplus of the revenue as may remain after satisfying the purposes for which appropriations shall have been made by law, will not only contribute to that desirable end, but will be beneficial to the creditors of the United States, by raising the price of their stock, and be productive of considerable saving to the United States:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all such surplus of the product of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels to the last day of December next, inclusively, as shall remain after satisfying the several purposes for which appropriations shall have been made by law to the end of the present session, shall be applied to the purchase of the debt of the United States, at its market price, if not exceeding the par or true value thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the purchases to be made of the said debt, shall be made under the direction of the President of the Senate, the Chief Justice, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General for the time being; and who, or any three of whom, with the approbation of the President of the United States, shall cause the said purchases to be made in such manner, and under such regulations as shall appear to them best calculated to fulfill the intent of this act: *Provided,* That the same be made openly, and with due regard to the equal benefit of the several states: *And provided further,* That to avoid all risk or failure, or delay in the payment of interest stipulated to be paid for and during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, by the act, intituled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," such reservations shall be made of the said surplus as may be necessary to make good the said payments, as they shall respectively become due, in case of deficiency in the amount of the receipts into the treasury during the said year, on account of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported, and the tonnage of ships or vessels, after the last day of December next.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That accounts of the application of the said monies shall be rendered for settlement as other public accounts, accompanied with returns of the amount of the said debt purchased therewith, at the end of every quarter of a year, to be computed from the time of commencing the purchases aforesaid: and that a full and exact report of the proceedings of the said five persons, or any three of them, including a statement of the disbursements and purchases made under their direction, specifying the times thereof, the prices at which, and the parties from whom the same may be made, shall be laid