

Alteration of the compensation to the officers and mariners of the revenue cutters.

Forfeitures under the impost laws, recovered in consequence of information given by officers of the revenue cutters, how to be disposed of.

President to cause other revenue cutters to be built or purchased in lieu of such as become unfit for service.

Those which are unfit for service to be sold.

Limitation of the first section.

Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22.

STATUTE I.

May 6, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Consent of Congress granted to the act of Maryland for collecting a duty of one cent per ton on vessels coming into Baltimore district from a foreign voyage.

Limitation of the act.
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and after the first day of May, in the present year, there be allowed, in lieu of the compensation now established, to the master of each revenue cutter, fifty dollars per month; to each first mate, thirty-five dollars per month; to each second mate, thirty dollars per month; to each third mate, twenty-five dollars per month; and to each mariner, not exceeding twenty dollars per month; to be paid by the collectors of the revenue, who shall be designated for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties, fines and forfeitures which may be incurred under the impost laws of the United States, and recovered in consequence of information given by any officer of a revenue cutter, shall, after deducting all proper costs and charges, be disposed of, as follows: One fourth part shall be for the use of the United States, and be paid into the treasury thereof; one fourth part, for the officers of the customs, to be distributed in the manner now provided, relative to that part of forfeitures they are now entitled to; and the remainder thereof, to the officers of such cutter, to be divided among them, in proportion to their pay.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized, to cause other revenue cutters to be built or purchased, in lieu of such as are or shall, from time to time, become unfit for further service; the expense whereof, as well as all future expenses of building, purchasing or repairing revenue cutters, shall be paid out of the product of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise, imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause such revenue cutters as shall, from time to time, become unfit for service, to be sold at public auction, and the proceeds of such sales to be paid into the treasury of the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of this act as fixes the compensation of the officers and men on board the said cutters, shall be, and remain in force, for the term of one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

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CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act intituled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, for the appointment of a Health Officer."*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress be, and is hereby granted and declared, to the operation of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, intituled "An act to appoint a health officer, for the port of Baltimore, in Baltimore county," so far as to enable the state aforesaid to collect a duty of one cent per ton, on all vessels coming into the district of Baltimore, from a foreign voyage, for the purposes in the said act intended.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

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