Statute I.
July 5, 1797.

[Obsolete.]

Chap. X.—*An Act to continue in force to the end of the next session, certain acts, and parts of acts, of limited duration.*

Certain laws declared in force till the end of next session.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all laws of the United States, and parts of laws now in force, and which, by the terms of their limitation, will expire with the end of this session of Congress, shall be, and hereby are continued in force, until the end of the next session.

Approved, July 5, 1797.

Statute I.
July 6, 1797.

[Repealed.]

Chap. XI.—*An Act laying Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment and Paper.*(a)

Rate of duties on stamped vellum, &c. on 1st Jan. 1798.
1797, ch. 11.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the thirty-first day of December next, there shall be levied, collected and paid throughout the United States, the several stamp duties following, to wit: For every skin or piece of vellum, or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper upon which shall be written or printed any or either of the instruments or writings following, to wit: any certificate of naturalization, five dollars: any license to practice or certificate of the admission, enrolment or registry of any counsellor, solicitor, attorney, advocate or proctor in any court of the United States, the sum of ten dollars; any grant or letters patent under the seal or authority of the United States, except for lands granted for military services, four dollars; any exemplification or certified copy of any such grant or letters patent, two dollars; any charter-party, bottomry, or respondentia bond, one dollar; any receipt or other discharge for or on account of any legacy left by any will or other testamentary instrument, or for any share or part of a personal estate divided by force of any statute of distributions, the amount whereof shall be above the value of fifty dollars, and shall not exceed the value of one hundred dollars, twenty-five cents; where the amount thereof shall exceed the value of one hundred dollars and shall not exceed five hundred dollars, fifty cents; and for every further sum of five hundred dollars, the additional sum of one dollar; any policy of insurance or instrument in nature thereof, whereby any ships, vessels or goods going from one district to another in the United States, or from the United States to any foreign port or place, shall be insured, to wit, if going from one district to another in the United States, twenty-five cents; if going from the United States to any foreign port or place, when the sum for which insurance is made shall not exceed five hundred dollars, twenty-five cents; and when the sum insured shall exceed five hundred dollars, one dollar; any exemplification, of what nature soever, that shall pass the seal of any court, other than such as it may be the duty of the clerk of such court to furnish for the use of the United States or some particular state, fifty cents; any bonds, bills, single or penal, foreign or inland bill of exchange, promissory note, or other note for the security of money, according to the following scale, viz. on all bonds,

Certain certificates.

Exemplification of letters patent.

Receipts.

Policy of insurance.

Rate of duties on bonds and notes.

(a) The acts imposing and relating to duties on stamps, have been: An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, July 6, 1797, chap. 11; an act to postpone for a limited time, the commencement of the duties imposed by the act entitled, "an act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," December 15, 1797, chap. 1; an act to amend the act entitled, "an act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," March 19, 1798, chap. 20; an act to alter the duties imposed upon foreign bills of exchange, and bills of lading by "an act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," February 28, 1799, chap. 17; an act to establish a general stamp office, April 23, 1800, chap. 31; an act to amend an act "to establish a general stamp office," March 3, 1801, chap. 19; an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions, August 2, 1813, chap. 52; an act continuing in force certain acts laying duties on bank notes, refined sugars, and for other purposes, February 1, 1816, chap. 9; an act respecting stamps, March 3, 1823, chap. 54.

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