employ a sufficient sum for the purchase of paper, &c.

Provided that the price of vellum and parchment shall be paid by applicants, in addition to the duties.

sufficient sum for that purpose, and for the necessary purchase of vellum and parchment, out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated: *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained, shall be so construed, as to require the treasury department to furnish any stamped vellum, or parchment, without an additional charge for the price of those materials, over and above the duty on the stamp; which price, in all cases where stamped vellum, or parchment, shall be furnished, the secretary of that department is hereby authorized and required to fix, as nearly as may be, according to the actual cost of those articles, respectively.

Stamp duties on debentures, repealed; and in lieu thereof Collectors to retain one fourth per cent on drawbacks.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the aforesaid act as relates to stamp duties on "any certificate or debenture for drawback of customs or duties," shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that in lieu of the said stamp duties, one fourth per centum on the amount of all drawbacks, allowed by law, on the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandise imported, shall be retained for the use of the United States, by the collectors paying such drawbacks; and in addition to the sum of one per centum directed to be so retained by the act, intituled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares, and merchandises imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels."

Ante, p. 145.

Approved, March 19, 1798.

Statute II.

March 27, 1798.

Chap. XXI.—*An Act declaring the consent of Congress to an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

Consent of Congress to an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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 hereby is granted and declared to the operation of an act of the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts made and passed the second day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, intituled "An act to incorporate Tobias Lord, Oliver Keating, Thatcher Godard and others for the purpose of keeping in repair a pier, at the mouth of Kennebunk river, and to grant them a duty for reimbursing the expense of erecting the same."

Approved, March 27, 1798.

Statute II.

March 27, 1798.

Chap. XXII.—*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.*

[Expired.]

Consent of Congress to an Act of the Legislature of Maryland for the appointment of a health officer.

See act of Feb. 27, 1801.

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 from the passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

Approved, March 27, 1798.

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