paying the special tax therefor," for "without having first obtained a license so to do."

debt, and for other purposes,' approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "without having first obtained a license so to do," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "without paying the special tax therefor."

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CHAP. CCLXXXIV. — *An Act to amend the Acts relating to Officers employed in the Examination of imported Merchandise in the District of New York, and for other Purposes.*

One appraiser to be appointed at the port of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of the appraisers now authorized by law for the appraisement of goods, wares, and merchandise at the port of New York, the President of the United States shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint for said port one appraiser, who has had experience as an appraiser, or who shall be practically acquainted with the quality and value of some one or more of the chief articles of importation subject to appraisement, and who, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath faithfully to direct and supervise the examination, inspection, and appraisement according to law, of such goods, wares, and merchandise as the collector may direct, and as is hereinafter provided for, and to cause to be duly reported to the collector the true value thereof, as required by law: *Provided*, That the collector shall not, under any circumstances, direct to be sent for examination and appraisement less than one package of every invoice, and one package at least out of every ten packages of goods, wares, and merchandise, and a greater number should he, or the appraiser, or any assistant appraiser, deem it necessary: *Provided*, nevertheless, that when from the character and description of the goods, wares, and merchandise, the Secretary of the Treasury may be of the opinion that the examination of a less proportion of packages will amply protect the revenue, he may, by special regulation, direct a less number of packages to be examined. And the appraiser, created by this act, in cases of his necessary and occasional absence, may perform his functions, ad interim, by deputy, designated by him in writing, from the assistant appraisers to be appointed under the provisions of this act.

Qualifications.

Oath.

Packages to be sent for examination and appraisement.

Proviso.

When and how appraiser may act by deputy.

Ten assistant appraisers to be appointed for the port of New York.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the assistant appraisers now authorized by law for the port of New York, the Secretary of the Treasury may appoint not exceeding ten assistant appraisers for said port, who have had experience as appraisers, or who shall be practically acquainted with the quality and value of some one or more of the chief articles of importation subject to appraisement, and included among the goods, wares, or merchandise, to the examination and appraisement of which they are respectively to be assigned, and who shall be employed in appraising goods, according to law, under the direction and supervision of the appraiser; and each of whom shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath diligently and faithfully to examine and inspect such goods, wares, and merchandise as the appraiser may direct, and truly to report to him the true value thereof, according to law; such report to be subject to revision and correction by the appraiser, and when approved by him to be transmitted to the collector, and to be deemed and taken to be the appraisement by the United States local appraiser of the district of such goods, wares, or merchandise required by law.

Qualifications.

To act under direction of appraiser.

Oath.

Their report approved by appraiser, to be deemed the appraisement required by law.

One of the assistant appraisers to act as special examiner of drugs.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That one of the assistant appraisers to be appointed by virtue of this act, with special reference to his qualifications for the duties in this section set forth, shall, in addition to the duties that may be required of him by the appraiser, perform the duties and act in the place and stead of the special examiner of drugs, medicines, chemicals, and so forth, at the port of New York, as provided by the act

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of June twenty-six, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, chapter seventy, and one of the assistant appraisers to be appointed by virtue of this act shall be detailed by the appraiser for the supervision of the department for the examination of merchandise damaged on the voyage of importation, and as far as practicable to make examinations and appraisals of such or any other merchandise as the appraiser may direct, and in all cases truly to report to him the extent of such damage, or the true value of the merchandise appraised, as the case may be, according to law, such report to be subject to the same revision, correction, and approval by the appraiser, as prescribed in the second section of this act, and to be in like manner, and for the same purpose, transmitted to the collector.

1848, ch. 70. Vol. ix. p. 237.

One assistant appraiser to examine damaged merchandise.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the clerks now employed in the examination, inspection, and appraisement of goods, wares, and merchandise at the port of New York, the Secretary of the Treasury may, on the nomination of the appraiser, appoint such number of examiners as said Secretary may in writing determine to be necessary, their compensation to be limited and fixed by him, but not to exceed the rates of twenty-five hundred dollars per year, to aid each of said assistant appraisers in the examination, inspection, and appraisement of goods, wares, and merchandise, according to law; and no person shall be appointed such examiner who is not, at the time of his appointment, practically and thoroughly acquainted with the character, quality, and value of the article or articles in the examination and appraisement of which he is to be employed; nor shall any such examiner enter upon the discharge of his duties, as such, until he shall have taken and subscribed an oath faithfully and diligently to discharge such duties according to law; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall also appoint, on the nomination of the appraiser, the clerks, verifiers, samplers, openers, packers, and messengers employed in the appraiser's office, or in any of the departments thereof, and shall limit and fix their number and compensation; but their compensation shall not exceed the rates of compensation usually paid for similar service.

Examiners to be appointed.

Number and pay to be determined by Secretary of Treasury.

Qualifications.

Oath.

Clerks, verifiers, samplers, openers, packers, and messengers.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the appraiser, the assistant appraisers, examiners, clerks, verifiers, samplers, messengers, or other persons employed in the departments of appraisal, or any of them, to engage or be employed in any commercial or mercantile business, or act as agent for any person engaged in such business, during the term of their appointment.

No officer appointed under this act to engage in mercantile business.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the appraiser who may be appointed under the provisions of this act shall receive a compensation of four thousand dollars per annum, and the assistant appraisers shall each receive a compensation of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid out of the appropriations for defraying the expenses of collecting the revenue.

Pay of appraiser and assistants.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensation allowed, respectively, to the appraiser and the assistant appraisers, under the provision of this act, shall be paid to them in monthly payments, and in due proportion for any period less than one month for the time they may actually serve.

Compensation to be paid monthly.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and all provisions of existing acts relating to the duties of the appraisers now provided for by law, or to any proceedings consequent or dependent upon the action of such appraisers and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be construed to apply to the appraiser and assistant appraisers provided for by this act, and shall be continued in full force, and that this act shall take effect on and after the first day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Present laws respecting appraisers, &c. to apply to those appointed under this act.

When this act takes effect.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That if at any time, from an in-

Assistant appraisers may be required to work more than usual business hours.

crease of importation, or from any other cause, there shall be found upon the floors of the public stores in the city of New York an accumulation of merchandise awaiting appraisement, it shall be the duty of the appraiser, under regulations established by the Secretary of the Treasury, to direct the assistant appraisers, and others associated with them in this branch of the public business, to devote time beyond the usual business hours, in each day, during daylight, to their respective duties, to the end that the business of appraisement may be faithfully and more promptly despatched.

Aids to the revenue to have pay of inspectors of customs.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all aids to the revenue or others performing the duties of inspectors of customs in any collection district, shall be paid the same per diem compensation as inspectors of customs.

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CHAP. CCLXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Sufferers by Fire at Portland.*

Certain imports at Portland, Me., to be free of duty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on all goods, wares, and merchandise which may be sent from places without the limits of the United States, as gratuitous contributions to the relief of sufferers by the fire which occurred at Portland, Maine, July fourth and fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, shall, when imported at the port of Portland and consigned to the proper authority for distribution, be admitted free of duty.

Drawback of import duties on materials used in buildings erected on the ground burned over.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed and paid, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on all materials actually used in buildings erected on the ground burned over by said fire, a drawback of the import duties paid on the same: *Provided*, That said materials shall have been imported at the port of Portland during the term of one year from and after said fifth day of July, 1866.

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CHAP. CCLXXXVI. — *An Act to prevent the Wearing of Sheath Knives by American Seamen.*

Seamen in merchant service not to wear sheath knives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing regulation for the government of the navy of the United States, prohibiting the wearing of sheath knives on shipboard is hereby extended and made applicable to all seamen in the merchant service.

Persons offering to ship as seamen to be notified of law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the master or other officer in command of any ship or vessel registered, enrolled, or licensed under the laws of the United States, and of the owner or other person entering into contract for the employment of a seaman or other subordinate upon any such ship or vessel, to inform every person offering to ship himself of the provisions of this law, and to require his compliance

Penalty.

therewith, under a penalty of fifty dollars for each omission, to be sued for and recovered in the name of the United States of America, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, one half for the benefit of the informer and the other half for the benefit of the fund for the relief of sick and disabled seamen.

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