

CHAP. CCXLIII. — *An Act to regulate the Purchase of Fuel for the legislative, executive, and judicial Departments, and for the military and naval Establishments of the United States in the District of Columbia.*

July 11, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for any officer or person in the civil, military, or naval service of the United States in the District of Columbia to purchase anthracite or bituminous coal or wood for the public service, except on condition that the same shall, before delivery, be inspected and weighed or measured by some competent person to be appointed by the head of the department or chief of the branch of the service for which the purchase is made, and that the person so appointed shall, before entering upon the duty of inspector, weigher, and measurer, and to the satisfaction of the appointing officer, bind himself with not less than two sureties, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, that each and every ton of coal weighed by him shall consist of two thousand two hundred and forty pounds, and that each and every cord of wood to be so measured shall be of the standard measure of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet. And the inspector, weigher, and measurer hereby to be appointed, shall be entitled to receive from the vendors of fuel weighed and measured by him, twenty cents for each ton of coal weighed, and nine cents for each cord of wood measured by him: *Provided,* That each load or parcel of wood or coal weighed and measured by him shall be accompanied by his certificate of the number of tons or pounds of coal and the number of cords or parts of cords of wood in each load or parcel.

Persons in the service of the United States in the District of Columbia not to purchase wood or coal for public service, except, &c.

Coal and wood to be inspected, weighed, and measured.

Inspector, &c. to give bond.

Fees of inspector, &c.

Certificate of inspector, &c. to go with each load.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the proper accounting officer of the treasury shall be furnished with a copy of the appointment of each inspector, weigher, and measurer appointed under this act, and that it shall not be lawful for any accounting officer to pass or allow to the credit of any disbursing officer in the District of Columbia, any money paid by him for purchase of anthracite or bituminous coal, or for wood, unless the voucher therefor is accompanied by a certificate of the proper inspector, weigher, and measurer, that the quantity paid for has been determined by him as required by this act.

Disbursing officers not to be allowed credits for payments for coal or wood, unless, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Congress may at any time repeal, amend, or alter this act.

Act may be altered, &c.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

CHAP. CCXLIV. — *An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at St. Joseph, Missouri.*

July 11, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the city of St. Joseph, in the State of Missouri, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, annexed to and made a part of the collection district of New Orleans, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States, and all the privileges and facilities afforded by the act of Congress of the second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," shall be extended to said port. A surveyor of customs shall be appointed to reside at said port and perform the duties prescribed by law, who shall receive the same compensation now provided, or which may hereafter be provided, by law for surveyors of the same grade.

St. Joseph, Missouri, made a port of delivery and annexed to New Orleans collection district. 1831, ch. 87. Vol. iv. p. 480.

Surveyor, residence, duties, and pay.

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