

FORTY-THIRD

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AT THE FIRST SESSION, BEGUN
AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IN THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, ON MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, EIGHTEEN
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE.

AN ACT

To revise and consolidate the statutes of the United States, in
force on the first day of December, anno Domini one
thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

TITLE I.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

CHAPTER ONE.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, In determining the meaning of the revised statutes, or of any act or resolution of Congress passed subsequent to February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things; words importing the plural number may include the singular; words importing the masculine gender may be applied to females; the words "insane person" and "lunatic" shall include every idiot, non compos, lunatic, and insane person; the word "person" may extend and be applied to partnerships and corporations, and the reference to any officer shall include any person authorized by law to perform the duties of such office, unless the context shows that such words were intended to be used in a more limited sense; and a requirement of an "oath" shall be deemed complied with by making affirmation in judicial form.

SEC. 2. The word "county" includes a parish, or any other equivalent subdivision of a State or Territory of the United States.

SEC. 3. The word "vessel" includes every description of water-craft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

Definitions.

25 Feb., 1871, c.
71, s. 2, v. 16, p. 431.
13 July, 1866, c.
184, s. 44, v. 14, p.
163.
30 June, 1864, c.
173, ss. 82, 126, v.
13, pp. 258, 287.
20 July, 1868, c.
186, s. 104, v. 15, p.
166.

County.

13 July, 1866, c.
184, s. 9, v. 14, pp.
98, 110.

Vessel.

18 July, 1866, c.
201, s. 1, v. 14, p.
178.
29 June, 1870, c.
169, s. 7, v. 16, p.
170.

Vehicle.	SEC. 4. The word "vehicle" includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land.
18 July, 1866, c. 201, s. 1, v. 14, p. 178.	SEC. 5. The word "company" or "association," when used in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace the words "successors and assigns of such company or association," in like manner as if these last-named words, or words of similar import, were expressed.
Company, association.	SEC. 6. In all cases where a seal is necessary by law to any commission, process, or other instrument provided for by the laws of Congress, it shall be lawful to affix the proper seal by making an impression therewith directly on the paper to which such seal is necessary; which shall be as valid as if made on wax or other adhesive substance.
25 July, 1866, c. 242, s. 9, v. 14, p. 241.	
Seal.	
31 May, 1854, c. 60, s. 2, v. 10, p. 297.	

CHAPTER TWO.

FORM OF STATUTES AND EFFECT OF REPEALS.

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Enacting clause.	SEC. 7. The enacting clause of all acts of Congress hereafter enacted shall be in the following form: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled."
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 1, v. 16, p. 431.	SEC. 8. The resolving clause of all joint resolutions shall be in the following form: "Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled."
Resolving clause.	SEC. 9. No enacting or resolving words shall be used in any section of an act or resolution of Congress except in the first.
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 1, v. 16, p. 431.	
No enacting words after first section.	SEC. 10. Each section shall be numbered, and shall contain, as nearly as may be, a single proposition of enactment.
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 1, v. 16, p. 431.	
Numbering and frame of sections.	SEC. 11. The style and title of all acts making appropriations for the support of Government shall be as follows: "An act making appropriations (here insert the object) for the year ending June thirtieth, (here insert the calendar year.)"
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 1, v. 16, p. 431.	SEC. 12. Whenever an act is repealed, which repealed a former act, such former act shall not thereby be revived, unless it shall be expressly so provided.
Title of appropriation acts.	SEC. 13. The repeal of any statute shall not have the effect to release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under such statute, unless the repealing act shall so expressly provide, and such statute shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of such penalty, forfeiture, or liability.
26 Aug., 1842, c. 207, s. 2, v. 5, p. 537.	
Repeal not to revive former act.	
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 3, v. 16, p. 431.	
Repeals not to affect liabilities, unless, &c.	
25 Feb., 1871, c. 71, s. 4, v. 16, p. 432.	