

STATUTE II.

Feb. 19, 1803.

Act of February 24, 1804, ch. 13.

In what manner goods to be exported from the Mississippi are to be identified.

Certificate to be granted by the collector of the Mississippi district.

Not to be given till it is ascertained that the goods are of the growth, &c. of the U. States.

Certificate to be exhibited to the Consul of the U. States.

CHAP. V.—*An Act to provide for the granting of Clearances to ships or vessels owned by citizens of the United States, lying in the river Mississippi, south of the southern boundary of the United States, and therein to amend an act, intituled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imposts and tonnage," and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, shall be intended to be exported from any of the ports of the United States within the Mississippi, by the way of New Orleans, to any foreign port, the identity of such articles shall be ascertained and certified in the same manner by the proper officers as has been or hereafter may be provided, for the transportation of the same articles to any of the ports of the United States, without the Mississippi.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the collector of the customs for the district of Mississippi, to grant to any ship or vessel owned by citizens of the United States, laden with articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the said states, and actually lying in some part of the river Mississippi, south of the southern boundary of the United States, a clearance in the same manner as if such ship or vessel was lying within the said district, which clearance shall be of the form following, to wit:

"District of Mississippi, to
Port of Adams,

These are to certify to all whom it doth concern, that _____ master or commander of the _____ burthen _____ tons or thereabouts, mounted with _____ guns (if any) navigated with _____ men built, now lying in the river Mississippi, out of the limits of the United States, and bound for _____ having on board (here specify the articles if required) being of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, or (if no specification be required) being laden with articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, hath here cleared his said vessel according to law:

Given under my hand and seal, at the custom-house of Fort Adams, this _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ and in the _____ year of the independence of the United States of America."

Provided nevertheless, That such clearance shall not be granted until the identity of the articles laden on board such ship or vessel, as being of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, shall be established to the satisfaction of the said collector, either by the exhibition of a certificate to that effect, from the consul, vice-consul, or other authorized agent of the United States, residing at or near New Orleans on the said river or otherwise: *And provided also,* that before the departure of such ship or vessel for any foreign port or place without the said river, it shall be the duty of the master or commander thereof, to exhibit such clearance to the said consul, vice-consul, or other authorized agent of the United States, who shall certify thereon under his consular seal, if he be satisfied that the state of the cargo at the time of such exhibition correspond therewith, that such is the case; or if the whole or any part thereof shall have been unladen, or otherwise changed, so as not to agree with the tenor of such clearance, he shall accordingly state the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the consul, vice-consul, or other authorized agent of the United States, residing at New Orleans, or at such other place or deposit on the banks of the Mississippi, south of the southern boundary of the United States, as may be assigned by virtue of the treaty of San Lorenzo, shall be entitled to receive from the

captains or owners of American vessels, two dollars for each certificate he shall sign, certifying that the articles contained in such certificate, are of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States; and he shall also be authorized to employ a proper person to attend to the landing and loading such articles, whose duty therein, and compensation, shall be the same as those of an inspector of customs in one of the ports of the United States, which compensation shall be considered as a charge against the revenue, and defrayed by the collector for the district of Mississippi, out of the monies received by him on account of the duties on tonnage and merchandise.

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CHAP. VI.—*An Act for the relief of the sufferers by fire, in the town of Portsmouth.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons who, being indebted to the United States, for duties on merchandise, have given bond therefor, with one or more sureties, payable to the collector for the district of Portsmouth, and who have suffered a loss of property by the late conflagration at that place, shall be, and they hereby are allowed to take up, or have cancelled, all bonds heretofore given for duties as aforesaid, upon giving to the said collector new bonds, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of said collector, for the sums of their former bonds respectively, payable in twelve months from and after the day of payment specified in the bonds to be taken up or cancelled as aforesaid; and the said collector is hereby authorized and directed, to give up or cancel, all such bonds upon the receipt of others as described in this act; which last mentioned bonds shall be proceeded with, in all respects, like other bonds which are taken by collectors for duties due to the United States: Provided however, that nothing in this act contained shall extend to bonds which had fallen due before the twenty-sixth day of December last.

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Sufferers by fire at Portsmouth to have the indulgence of further time for discharging their custom-house bonds.

Proviso that this act shall not extend to bonds due before the 26th December, 1802.

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CHAP. VII.—*An Act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States, within the state of Ohio.*

Feb. 19, 1803.

WHEREAS, the people of the Eastern division of the territory northwest of the river Ohio, did, on the twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and two, form for themselves a constitution and state government, and did give to the said state the name of the "State of Ohio," in pursuance of an act of Congress, intituled "An act to enable the people of the Eastern division of the territory northwest of the river Ohio, to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, and for other purposes," whereby the said state has become one of the United States of America; in order therefore to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the said state of Ohio:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the laws of the United States which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect within the said state of Ohio, as elsewhere within the United States.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said state shall be one district, and be called the Ohio district; and a district court shall be held therein, to consist of one judge, who shall reside in the said district, and be called a district judge. He shall hold at the seat of government

Act of April 30, 1802, ch. 40.

Laws of the United States to be carried into effect in the state of Ohio.

Act of April 30, 1802, ch. 40.

All the laws of the United States not locally inapplicable to be in force and executed there.

Ohio to be one district.

District court to be held there.