

court of competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court, and be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three years.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That if any consul, vice-consul, commercial agent or vice-commercial agent, shall grant a passport or other paper certifying that any alien, knowing him or her to be such, is a citizen of the United States, he shall, on conviction thereof, in any court of competent jurisdiction, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That all powers of attorney executed after the thirtieth day of June next in a foreign country for the transfer of any stock of the United States, or for the receipt of interest thereon, shall be verified by the certificate and seal of a consul, vice-consul, commercial agent or vice-commercial agent, if any there be at the place where the same shall be executed, for which the person giving the certificate shall receive fifty cents.

APPROVED, February 28, 1803.

Consuls, &c. giving false certificates subject to fine and imprisonment.

If for false passports, &c. subject to fines.

Powers of attorney, &c. executed in foreign countries to be verified by consuls, &c. who may receive fifty cents on each.

Repealed
March 27, 1804.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 28, 1803.

CHAP. X.—*An Act to prevent the importation of certain persons into certain states, where, by the laws thereof, their admission is prohibited.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of April next, no master or captain of any ship or vessel, or any other person, shall import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought, any negro, mulatto, or other person of colour, not being a native, a citizen, or registered seaman of the United States, or seamen natives of countries beyond the Cape of Good Hope, into any port or place of the United States, which port or place shall be situated in any state which by law has prohibited or shall prohibit the admission or importation of such negro, mulatto, or other person of colour, and if any captain or master aforesaid, or any other person, shall import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into any of the ports or places aforesaid, any of the persons whose admission or importation is prohibited, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one thousand dollars for each and every negro, mulatto, or other person of colour aforesaid, brought or imported as aforesaid, to be sued for and recovered by action of debt, in any court of the United States; one half thereof to the use of the United States, the other half to any person or persons prosecuting for the penalty; and in any action instituted for the recovery of the penalty aforesaid, the person or persons sued may be held to special bail: *Provided always*, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prohibit the admission of Indians.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no ship or vessel arriving in any of the said ports or places of the United States, and having on board any negro, mulatto, or other person of colour, not being a native, a citizen, or registered seaman of the United States, or seamen natives of countries beyond the Cape of Good Hope as aforesaid, shall be admitted to an entry. And if any such negro, mulatto, or other person of colour, shall be landed from on board any ship or vessel, in any of the ports or places aforesaid, or on the coast of any state prohibiting the admission or importation, as aforesaid, the said ship or vessel, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited to the United States, and one half of the nett proceeds of the sales on such forfeiture shall inure and be paid over to such person or persons on whose information the seizure on such forfeiture shall be made.

Prohibited importation of persons of colour subject to a fine of one thousand dollars for each, after April 1, 1803.

Penalties.

Persons may be held to bail against whom suits are brought for penalties.

No vessel containing prohibited persons of colour admitted to an entry.

Vessel, &c. to be forfeited if any prohibited person of colour be landed therefrom.

A moiety of the forfeiture to the informer.

(a) See notes to act of March 22, 1794, chap. 11, vol. i. p. 347; see also, act of May 10, 1800, chap. 51; act of February 28, 1803, chap. 10; act of March 2, 1807, chap. 22; act of April 20, 1818, chap. 83; act of May 15, 1820, chap. 112, sec. 4, 5.

Collectors and other officers to be governed by the laws of the states prohibiting persons of colour.

Vigilance enjoined to execute the law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collectors and other officers of the customs, and all other officers of the revenue of the United States, in the several ports or places situated as aforesaid, to notice and be governed by the provisions of the laws now existing, of the several states prohibiting the admission or importation of any negro, mulatto, or other person of colour, as aforesaid. And they are hereby enjoined vigilantly to carry into effect the said laws of said states, conformably to the provisions of this act; any law of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, February 28, 1803.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 28, 1803.

[Obsolete.]

President authorized to put into service four vessels of sixteen guns each.

Appropriation for the above.

President authorized to put into service fifteen gun boats.

Appropriation for the above.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act to provide an additional armament for the protection of the seamen and commerce of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to cause to be built, or to be purchased (if the exigencies of the service shall require it) four vessels of war, to carry not exceeding sixteen guns each; to be armed, manned and fitted out for the protection of the seamen and commerce of the United States in the Mediterranean and adjacent seas, and for other purposes, as the public service may require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ninety-six thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be built, a number not exceeding fifteen gun boats, to be armed, manned and fitted out, and employed for such purposes as in his opinion the public service may require; and that a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars be, and hereby is appropriated for this purpose out of any monies in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 28, 1803.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 28, 1803.

[Obsolete.]

CHAP. XII.—*An Act for extending the external commerce of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of extending the external commerce of the United States, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 28, 1803.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 28, 1803.

[Obsolete.]

Two teachers of music added to the artilleryists.

1802, ch. 9.

A teacher of the French language, and a teacher of drawing appointed to the corps of engineers.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be added to the regiment of artilleryists, two teachers of music, whose pay, rations and clothing shall be the same as is by law allowed to the teachers of music in the regiments of infantry in the service of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint one teacher of the French language, and one teacher of drawing, to be attached to the corps of engineers, whose compensation shall not exceed the pay and emolument of a captain in the line of the army.