

STATUTE I.

April 21, 1806.

Sum appropriated for the fortification of the ports and harbors of the U. States.

Sum appropriated for building gun boats for the protection of the harbors, &c. of the U. States.

President authorized to officer, man and equip them.

Armed vessels of the United States may be sold, at the discretion of the President.

Appropriations—out of what funds to be paid.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building Gun Boats.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to cause the ports and harbors of the United States to be better fortified and protected.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a sum of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to cause to be built and completed a number of gun boats, not exceeding fifty, for the protection of the harbors, coasts, and commerce of the United States; and the President is hereby authorized to officer, man and equip any part, or all of said gun boats, when he shall judge the same expedient, for the purposes aforesaid; and a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to defray any expense which may be incurred by officering, manning and equipping gun boats, as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may direct any of the armed vessels of the United States to be sold, whenever he shall be of opinion that the said vessel is so much out of repair, that it will not be for the interest of the United States to repair the same.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the several sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 21, 1806.

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Act of April 18, 1796, ch. 13. Trading houses how to be established at such ports and places on the frontiers as the President may choose.

Superintendent of Indian trade.

His duties.

Supplemental act 1809, ch. 34. Repealed 1811, ch. 30.

His compensation.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, to establish trading houses at such posts and places on the frontiers, or in the Indian country, on either or both sides of the Mississippi river, as he shall judge most convenient for the purpose of carrying on a liberal trade with the several Indian nations, within the United States, or their territories.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States shall be authorized to appoint a superintendent of Indian trade, whose duty it shall be to purchase and take charge of all goods intended for trade with the Indian nations aforesaid, and to transmit the same to such places as he shall be directed by the President. And he shall take an oath or affirmation faithfully to execute the trust committed to him, and that he will not directly, or indirectly, be concerned, or interested in any trade, commerce, or barter, but on the public account; and he shall also give bond, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with sufficient security, to be approved of by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, truly and honestly to account, for all the money, goods and other property, whatever, which shall come into his hands, or for which in good faith he ought so to account, and to perform all the duties required of him by this act; and his accounts shall be made up quarter yearly, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of Indian trade shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars, payable quarter yearly, at the treasury of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United