

feited; any such person, so offending, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and being thereof convicted according to the due course of law, shall be sentenced to imprisonment, and kept at hard labour for a period not less than three years, nor more than ten years; or shall be imprisoned not exceeding five years, and fined not exceeding five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall import or bring from any foreign place into the United States, any false, forged, or counterfeit gold or silver coins, which are by law made current, or are in actual use and circulation, as money within the United States, with the intent to utter, or make payment with the same, knowing the same to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited; or who shall utter, as true, any such false, forged, or counterfeited coins of gold or silver, as aforesaid, for the payment of money, with intention to defraud any person or persons, knowing the same to be falsely made, forged, or counterfeited, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of felony, and being thereof convicted according to the due course of law, shall be sentenced to imprisonment and kept at hard labour for a period not less than two years, nor more than eight years; or shall be imprisoned not exceeding two years, and fined not exceeding four thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall fraudulently and for gain's sake, by any art, way, or means whatsoever, impair, diminish, falsify, scale, or lighten the gold or silver coins, which have been, or which shall hereafter be coined at the mint of the United States; or any foreign gold or silver coins, which are by law made current, or are in actual use and circulation as money within the United States, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned not exceeding two years, and fined not exceeding two thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to deprive the courts of the individual states of jurisdiction, under the laws of the several states, over offences made punishable by this act.

APPROVED, April 21, 1806.

CHAP. L.—*An Act to repeal so much of any act or acts as authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for lands of the United States; and for other purposes, relative to the public debt.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That so much of any act or acts as authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt, in payment for the lands of the United States, shall from and after the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be repealed: *Provided*, that the right of all persons who may have purchased public lands previous to the passage of this act, to pay for the same in stock, shall in no wise be affected or impaired: *And provided further*, that there shall be allowed on every payment made in money, at or before the same shall fall due, for lands purchased before the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, in addition to the discounts now allowed by law, a deduction equal to the difference at the time of such payment, between the market price of six per cent. stock and the nominal value of its unredeemed amount, which market price shall, from time to time, be stated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the officers of the several land-offices.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of the sinking fund shall not be authorized to purchase any of the several species of the public debt, at a higher price than at the rates following, that is to say; they shall not pay more for three per cent. stock than sixty

Penalties upon those who shall import into the United States any false or counterfeit coins to be circulated in this country.

Act of March 3, 1825, ch. 65, sec. 20.

Penalties for impairing, falsifying, &c. &c. the coins of the United States, or those of foreign countries in circulation here.

Jurisdiction of the individual states not to be affected by this act.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1806.

Repeal of such acts as authorize the receipt of evidences of public debt in payment for land after the 30th of April, 1806.

Proviso.

Rates at which purchases may be made of the public debt of the United States.

per cent. of its nominal value; nor for any other species of the public debt more than the nominal value of its unredeemed amount, the eight per cent. stock only excepted; for which they shall be authorized, in addition thereto, to give at the rate of one half of one per cent. on the said nominal value, for each quarterly dividend which may be payable on such purchased stock, from the time of such purchase to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Repeal of part of a former law, restricting the commissioners as to the mode and time of purchases.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act as directs that purchasers of the public debt, by the commissioners of the sinking fund, shall be made within the thirty days next ensuing after each day on which a quarterly payment of interest on the debt of the United States shall become due: and also so much of any act as directs that the said purchases shall be made by open purchase or by sealed proposals, be, and the same hereby is repealed. And the said commissioners are hereby authorized to make such purchases, under the restrictions laid by the preceding section, in such manner, and at such times and places as they shall deem most eligible; and for that purpose to appoint a known agent or agents, to whom they may allow a commission, not exceeding one fourth of one per cent. on the respective purchases of such agents.

1792, ch. 38, sec. 7, 8.

APPROVED, April 18, 1806.

STATUTE I.

April 21, 1806.

Lighthouses to be built.

Franklin island.

West Passamaquoddy head.

Proviso.

Beacons or piers to be also erected—at what places.

Appropriations for erecting the lighthouses and piers.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act for erecting certain Lighthouses in the state of Massachusetts; for building a beacon, or pier, at Bridgeport, in the state of Connecticut; and for fixing buoys in Pamlico sound, in the state of North Carolina.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be erected the following lighthouses in the state of Massachusetts:

One on Franklin island, at the mouth of St. George's river, in the district of Maine.

One on West Passamaquoddy head, at the entrance into the bay and harbor of Passamaquoddy, in the district of Maine.

And a double lighthouse at or near Chatham harbor, on the back of Cape Cod.

Provided sufficient land for the accommodation of the said lighthouses can be obtained at reasonable prices, and the legislature of Massachusetts shall cede the jurisdiction over the same to the United States. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to agree for the salaries, or wages, of the persons who may be appointed by the President for the superintendence and care of said lighthouses, and otherwise to provide for the same, at the expense of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby required to cause a beacon, or pier, to be erected near the mouth of the harbor of Bridgeport, in the state of Connecticut; and to cause buoys to be fixed on Bluff Shoal, Royal Shoal, northwest Straddle, and southwest Straddle, in the waters of Pamlico sound, in the state of North Carolina.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appropriated for defraying the expense of erecting each of the aforesaid lighthouses, the sum of five thousand dollars: for the expense of erecting the said beacon, or pier, the sum of one thousand dollars; and for the expense of fixing the said buoys, one thousand dollars, to be paid, respectively, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 21, 1806.