by him, shall be evidence equally valid with certified transcripts from the keeper of the office for recording deeds for the conveyance of land in the county of Washington.

Public property may be subdivided by direction of the President.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the President of the United States shall deem it necessary to subdivide any square or lot belonging to the United States within the city of Washington, which may not have been reserved for public purposes, into convenient building lots, pieces or portions for sale and occupancy, and alleys for their accommodation, he may cause a plat to be made by the surveyor of the city in the manner prescribed in the first section of this act, which plat shall be recorded by the said surveyor, and the provisions of this act shall extend to the lots, pieces and parcels of ground contained in such plat as fully as to subdivisions made by individual proprietors.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the surveyor of the city of Washington, before entering upon the discharge of the duties required of him by this act, shall take an oath or affirmation before the mayor of the city of Washington, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties herein before required of him.

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Statute II.

Jan. 12, 1809.

[Obsolete.]

Chap. IX.—*An Act supplemental to an act intituled "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes."*

Payment of duties in certain cases suspended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the payment of all bonds given, subsequent to the date of the act to which this act is a supplement, for duties on coffee, sugar, pepper, indigo, cocoa, and wine paying a duty of twenty-three cents per gallon, and which remain unpaid, or for the same articles which may arrive hereafter in any of the ports of the United States, and whilst the act intituled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," shall continue in force, may be suspended, subject however in all respects to the conditions and provisions made and provided in the act of the tenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to which this act is a supplement: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to importations made in vessels despatched under permissions granted by the President of the United States in pursuance of powers in him vested by the seventh section of the act, intituled "An act in addition to the act intituled, An act supplementary to the act intituled, An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."*

1807, ch. 5.

1808, ch. 30.

This act not to extend to vessels despatched under permission from the President of the U. States under the embargo acts.

Monies to be refunded.

In what cases.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if the amount of any bond given for the payment of duties on the importation of coffee, sugar, pepper, indigo, cocoa, or wine paying a duty of twenty-three cents per gallon, made subsequent to the passage of the act to which this is a supplement, and which bond would by virtue of this act have been entitled to an extension of credit, shall have been previously paid, the money so paid shall, by the proper collector, be refunded to the person or persons who shall have paid the same, or to his, her, or their agent or agents, on his or their giving a bond with sureties, in the same manner and on the same terms, conditions and restrictions, and on a compliance of the person or persons receiving the indulgence hereby granted, with all the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement.

*1808, ch. 33.

Conditions.

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