

CHAP. V.—*An Act to continue in force "An act declaring the assent of Congress to a certain act of the state of South Carolina, passed the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and four."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act of the twenty-eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the state of South Carolina, passed on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, so far as the same relates to authorizing the city council of Charleston to impose and collect a duty on the tonnage of vessels from foreign ports," be and the same is hereby continued in force from the passage of this act for five years, and thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

APPROVED, June 15, 1809.

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1809.

[Expired.]

Act of March 28, 1806, ch. 17, continued in force for five years.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act to fix the time for the next meeting of Congress.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That after the adjournment of the present session, the next meeting of Congress shall be on the fourth Monday of November next.

APPROVED, June 24, 1809.

STATUTE I.

June 24, 1809.

Congress to meet on the fourth Monday in Nov. 1809.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act for the remission of certain penalties and forfeitures, and for other purposes.*

*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 is hereby authorized to remit any penalty or forfeiture which may have been incurred in consequence of the violation of any of the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eight," by any person who may have been concerned in bringing into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, any slave or slaves, owned by any person or persons, who shall have been forcibly expelled from the island of Cuba, by order of the government thereof: and the President of the United States is hereby further authorized to release all vessels and other effects, which may have been or may hereafter be seized therefor: *Provided*, that he shall be first satisfied in every case, that the person thus concerned in bringing in such slave or slaves as aforesaid, was impelled thereto, by circumstances which, in the judgment of the President of the United States, would justify the act; and without any intention on the part of such person voluntarily to evade any of the provisions of the act aforesaid: *And provided also*, that such slave or slaves shall have been brought into the United States in the same vessel and at the same time as their owner or owners respectively.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to make any arrangement with the minister plenipotentiary of France, which he may deem necessary and proper for transporting such of the unfortunate exiles from the said island of Cuba, with their effects, as shall desire to depart from the United States to any port or place within the territories of France, her colonies or dependencies, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, that the vessels transporting the same shall depart only in ballast, and without taking on board any other cargo than such sea

STATUTE I.

June 28, 1809.

[Obsolete.]

President authorized to remit penalties and forfeitures, in the case of certain fugitives from Cuba, incurred under the act to prohibit the importation of slaves. Act of March 2, 1807, ch. 22.

Proviso, that the President shall be satisfied that the person was impelled to import the slave or slaves; and provided, the slave has been brought in the same vessel with the owner.

President authorized to make arrangements with the French minister for transporting the exiles to France, &c. &c.