their giving bond with approved sureties to the United States, in a sum equal to the value thereof, to abide the decision of the proper court of the United States thereon; and any such bond shall be considered as satisfied if Great Britain shall, on or before the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, have revoked or modified her edicts in the manner above mentioned: *Provided also*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any ships or vessels or the cargoes of ships or vessels wholly owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States, which had cleared out for the Cape of Good Hope, or for any port beyond the same, prior to the tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ten.

Approved, March 2, 1811.

Statute III.

March 2, 1811.

Chap. XXX.—*An Act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.*(a)

Trading-houses to be established.

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.

Superintendent of Indian trade to be appointed—his duties, &c. &c.

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 restricted by this law, and except 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 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 he shall render to the Secretary of the Treasury a quarter yearly account of all his receipts and expenditures of cash, purchases and transmittals of goods for

(a) Obsolete acts relating to trading houses with the Indians:—

An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, April 18, 1796, chap. 13.

An act to revive and continue in force "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," April 30, 1802, chap. 39.

An act for continuing in force a law entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," February 28, 1803, chap. 14.

An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, April 21, 1806, chap. 48.

An act supplemental to an act entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 3, 1809, chap. 34.

An act establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, March 2, 1811, chap. 30.

An act to continue in force for a limited time, the act entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 3, 1815, chap. 98.

An act to continue in force an act entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 3, 1817, chap. 43.

An act directing the manner of appointing Indian agents, and continuing the "act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," April 16, 1818, chap. 61.

An act to continue in force for a further time the act entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 3, 1819, chap. 78.

An act to continue in force for a further time the act entitled, "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 4, 1820, chap. 18.

An act to continue in force for a further time the act entitled, "An act to establish trading houses with the Indian tribes," March 3, 1821, chap. 44.

The trading houses with the Indian tribes, were abolished by an act to abolish the United States trading establishments with the Indian tribes, May 6, 1822, chap. 54.

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the Indian trade, to be settled and adjusted by the accounting officer of the treasury, as other public accounts.

Salary of the superintendent.

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.

Agents, &c. &c. to be appointed.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be authorized to appoint an agent, (and when he shall deem it proper an assistant agent,) for each trading-house establishment, established under the provisions of this act; and every such agent and assistant agent shall give bond, with sufficient security, in such sum as the President shall direct, truly and honestly to account for all the money, goods and other property whatever, which shall come into his hands, and for which he ought so to account; and to perform all the duties required of him by this act; and 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.

Duties of the agents, &c. &c.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of each of the said agents to receive, from the superintendent of Indian trade, and dispose of in trade with the Indian nations aforesaid, such goods as may be transmitted to him by the superintendent, to be received and disposed of as aforesaid, according to the rules and orders which the President of the United States shall prescribe; and he shall render an account, quarter yearly, to the superintendent of Indian trade, of all money, goods and other property whatsoever, which shall be transmitted to him, or which shall come into his hands, or for which in good faith he ought to account; and he shall transmit duplicates of his accounts to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Superintendents of Indian trade not allowed to carry on trade, &c. &c.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of Indian trade, the agents, or their clerks, or other persons employed by them shall not be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in carrying on trade or commerce in any of the goods or articles bought for, or supplied to, or received from the Indians, or shall be owner in whole or in part of any sea vessel, or shall take or apply to his or their use any gain or emolument for negotiating or transacting any business in the Indian department, other than what shall be allowed by law; and that the said agents, assistant agents, or any persons employed by them, shall not be directly or indirectly concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, on their own or any other than the public account, or take or apply to his or their use any emolument or gain for negotiating any such business, during their appointment, agency or employment respectively, other than provided by this act, or excepting for and on account of the United States; and if any such persons shall offend against any of the prohibitions aforesaid, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit to the United States a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and shall be removed from such office agency or employment, and forever thereafter be incapable of holding any office under the United States: *Provided*, that if any person, other than a public prosecutor, shall give information of any such offence upon which a prosecution and conviction shall be had, one half of the aforesaid penalty, when recovered, shall be for the use of the person giving such information: *And provided also*, that if such misdemeanor be committed by the superintendent of Indian trade, or by any agent or assistant agent, it shall be deemed a breach of the condition of his bond, and the penalty thereof may be recovered in any court having competent jurisdiction of the same.

Proviso.

Regulations with respect to

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the prices of goods supplied to and to be paid for by the Indians shall be regulated in such manner,

prices of goods supplied to the Indians.

that the capital stock furnished by the United States shall not be diminished.

Penalties, &c.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That if any agent or agents, their clerks or other person employed by them, shall purchase or receive from any Indian, in the way of trade or barter, any gun, or other article, commonly used in hunting, any instrument of husbandry or cooking utensil, of the kind usually obtained by Indians, in their intercourse with white people, or any article of clothing, excepting skins or furs, he or they shall respectively forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered by action of debt in the name and to the use of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction in like cases: *Provided*, That no suit shall be commenced, except in the state or territory within which the cause of action shall have arisen, or in which the defendant may reside; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent of Indian trade, or of the superintendents of Indian affairs, and their deputies respectively, to whom information of every such offence shall be given, to collect the requisite evidence, if attainable, to prosecute the offender without delay.

No suit to be commenced but in the state or territory in which the cause of action arose or in which the defendant may reside.

Goods for annuities to be sent by superintendent, &c.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the goods requisite for annuities to the Indian nations, within the United States and the territories thereof, and for treaties with them, and for presents to be made them at the seat of government, or elsewhere, shall henceforward be purchased and transmitted to the proper posts and places, by the superintendent of Indian trade, upon orders from the department of war, and the accounts therefor shall be rendered to the war department.

Specific appropriations for salaries of superintendent, &c. &c.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That during the continuance of this act the annual sum of two thousand dollars for the payment of the salary of the superintendent of Indian trade, and the annual sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, for the payment of the clerks in his office (including the sum of eight hundred dollars, allowed for an additional clerk, by the act passed on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ten,) are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

Pay of the agents, &c. &c.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That during the continuance of this act, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to draw annually from the treasury of the United States a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, to be applied under his direction, to the payment of the agents, assistant agents and clerks, at the trading houses; which agents shall be allowed to draw out of the public supplies two rations each, and each clerk one ration per day, which rations or such payments as may be made in lieu thereof, by the order of the President, shall be charged to the trading fund; and the President shall cause an annual report to be made to Congress of how much of the sum so authorized has been drawn, and in what manner the same has been applied.

Appropriation for Indian trade.

1806, ch. 48.

1809, ch. 34.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars, appropriated by the tenth section of the act, entituled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," approved twenty-first April, one thousand eight hundred and four, and the sum of forty thousand dollars, appropriated by the act, entituled "An act supplemental to the act, entituled An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," approved third March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, shall be, and remain a fund for the purpose of carrying on trade and intercourse with the Indian nations, in the manner provided by this act, exclusive of the salary of the superintendent of Indian trade and of the allowances to agents, assistant agents and clerks.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said

superintendent of Indian trade, under the direction of the President of the United States, and upon such terms and conditions as he shall prescribe, to cause the furs and peltry, and other articles, acquired in trade with the Indian nations, to be sold at public auction, in different parts of the United States, or otherwise disposed of, as may be deemed most advantageous to the United States.

Superintendent to dispose of the furs and peltry.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That if the President should deem it expedient to establish, under the authority of this act, trading houses, in addition to the number now in operation, for the purposes of carrying on a trade with the Indian tribes, within the United States, or their territories, the expenses for each trading house so established shall not exceed the following sums of money, in addition to the appropriations already made by this act, viz: For the principal agent, an annual sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars; for an assistant agent, if necessary, an annual sum not exceeding five hundred dollars; to be drawn by the President out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Additional trading houses.

How the expenses are to be defrayed.

Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day of April next, an act, entituled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," approved on the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, and an act, entituled "An act supplemental to the act, entituled An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," approved on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to exonerate any person who shall not have performed the duty, or who shall have violated any of the prohibitions contained in the said acts, from suits or prosecutions, but as to all bonds, contracts, debts, demands, rights, penalties, punishments, which have been made, have arisen, or have incurred, or which shall be made, arise or be incurred, previous to the first day of April next, the said acts shall have the same force and effect, as though this act had not been passed: *Provided likewise*, that the superintendent of Indian trade, the agents, assistant agents and other persons employed under the aforesaid acts, shall continue to hold their several offices, appointments and trusts, until otherwise removed, any thing herein contained that might be construed to the contrary notwithstanding; and also the bonds, which they or either of them have given or may give, for the faithful execution of their several duties and offices, shall continue to have the same force and effect, to all intents and purposes, as though this act had not been passed.

Repealing clause.

1806, ch. 48.
1809, ch. 34.

No one who shall not have performed the duty, or who shall have violated the prohibitions in the acts to be exonerated from suits.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of April next, for the term of three years, and from thence to the end of the session of Congress next thereafter and no longer.

Commencement and termination of this act.

Approved, March 2, 1811.

Statute III.

March 2, 1811.

Chap. XXXI.—*An Act to establish the Districts of Mumphreymagog, of Oswegatchie, and of the White Mountains.*

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, all that part of the state of Vermont, lying east of lake Mumphreymagog, and including also all such shores and waters of the said lake, as lie within the said state, shall constitute a district, to be called the district of Mumphreymagog; of which Derby shall be the sole port of entry; and a collector for the said district shall be appointed to reside at the said port of entry.

Mumphreymagog district established.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day