Statute I.
April 3, 1812.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act granting to the corporation of the city of New Orleans the use and possession of a lot in the said city.*

Right of the United States to a certain portion of ground in the city of New Orleans ceded to the city.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right and claim of the United States to the use, possession and occupancy of a space of one hundred and fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet of a vacant lot of ground, in the city of New Orleans, bounded by Bienville and Custom-house streets, and by Levee street and the high road, be, and the same is hereby vested in the corporation of the said city. And the said corporation is authorized to use, possess and occupy the same, for the purpose of erecting or causing to be erected and kept in operation a steam engine, or engines, for conveying water into the said city, and all buildings necessary to the said purpose: *Provided*, that if the said space of ground shall not be occupied for the said purpose, within the term of three years, from and after the passing of this act, or shall at any time thereafter cease to be so occupied, for the term of three years, the right and claim of the United States thereto, shall remain unimpaired: *And provided also*, that this act shall not affect the claim, or claims of any individual or individuals, if any such there be.

Proviso, that the ground shall be occupied within three years.

Proviso.

APPROVED, April 3, 1812.

Statute I.
April 4, 1812.
[Expired.]

CHAP. XLIX.—*An Act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, for a limited time.*

Embargo laid for ninety days.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an embargo be, and hereby is laid for the term of ninety days from and after the passing of this act, on all ships and vessels in the ports and places within the limits or jurisdiction of the United States, cleared or not cleared, bound to any foreign port or place; and that no clearance be furnished to any ship or vessel bound to such foreign port or place, except vessels in ballast, with the consent of the President of the United States; and that the President be authorized to give such instructions to the officers of the revenue, and of the navy and revenue cutters of the United States, as shall appear best adapted for carrying the same into full effect: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the departure of any foreign ship or vessel, either in ballast or with the goods, wares and merchandise on board of such foreign ship or vessel when notified of this act.

Proviso.

Bonds to be given that all goods, &c. &c. shipped in the ports of the U. States shall be relanded in others of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That during the continuance of this act, no registered or sea letter vessel shall be allowed to depart from any one port of the United States to any other within the same, unless the master, owner, consignee or factor of such vessel, shall first give bond, with one or more sureties, to the collector of the district from which she is bound to depart, in a sum of double the value of the vessel and cargo, conditioned that the goods, wares or merchandise, with which she shall be laden, shall be relanded in some port of the United States.

Penalties for going to foreign ports.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any ship or vessel shall, during the continuance of this act, depart from any port of the United States, without a clearance or permit, or if any ship or vessel shall, contrary to the provisions of this act, proceed to a foreign port or place, or trade with, or put on board of any other ship or vessel, any goods, wares or merchandise, of foreign or domestic growth or manufacture, such ships or vessels, goods, wares and merchandise shall be wholly forfeited, and, if the same shall not be seized, the owner or owners, agent, freighter or factors, of any such ship or vessel, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum equal to double the value of the ship or vessel and cargo,

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