

serving as aforesaid, shall be liable to be indicted therefor, and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding two years.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any citizen of the United States shall voluntarily serve on board of any foreign ship or vessel, which shall hereafter be employed in the slave trade, he shall, on conviction thereof, be liable to and suffer the like forfeitures, pains, disabilities and penalties as he would have incurred; had such ship or vessel been owned or employed, in whole or in part, by any person or persons residing within the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any of the commissioned vessels of the United States, to seize and take any vessels employed in carrying on trade, business or traffic, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this or the said act to which this is in addition; and such vessel, together with her tackle, apparel and guns, and the goods or effects, other than slaves, which shall be found on board, shall be forfeited, and may be proceeded against in any of the district or circuit courts, and shall be condemned for the use of the officers and crew of the vessel making the seizure, and be divided in the proportion directed in the case of prize: and all persons interested in such vessel, or in the enterprise or voyage in which such vessel shall be employed at the time of such capture, shall be precluded from all right or claim to the slaves found on board such vessel as aforesaid, and from all damages or retribution on account thereof: and it shall moreover be the duty of the commanders of such commissioned vessels, to apprehend and take into custody every person found on board of such vessel so seized and taken, being of the officers or crew thereof, and him or them convey as soon as conveniently may be, to the civil authority of the United States in some one of the districts thereof, to be proceeded against in due course of law.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the district and circuit courts of the United States shall have cognizance of all acts and offences against the prohibitions herein contained.

SEC. 6. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the bringing into either of the United States, any person or persons, the importation of whom is, by the existing laws of such state, prohibited.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the forfeitures which shall hereafter be incurred under this, or the said act to which this is in addition, not otherwise disposed of, shall accrue and be one moiety thereof to the use of the informer, and the other moiety to the use of the United States, except where the prosecution shall be first instituted on behalf of the United States, in which case the whole shall be to their use.

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Commissioned vessels authorized to seize vessels contravening this or the former act.

District and circuit court to have jurisdiction of offences.

Construction of the act.

Distribution of penalties.

STATUTE I.

May 10, 1800.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act to provide for equalizing the valuations of unseated lands.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioners appointed under the act, intituled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling-houses and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," in those states the valuations and enumerations whereof are not yet closed and returned to the treasury department, shall be, and hereby are authorized and empowered on examination and consideration, at some general meeting to be convened pursuant to law, of the lists, returns, valuations and abstracts rendered to them by the assessors within their respective states, to revise the valuations of unseated lands in each and every assessment district of their respective

[Obsolete.]

Act of July 9, 1798, ch. 70. Commissioners under the Act of July 9, 1798, ch. 70, to adjust the valuation of unseated lands.

states, and in each and every subdivision of such districts respectively, and to vary and adjust the said valuations by adding thereto, or deducting therefrom such rate per centum as to them shall appear just and reasonable: *Provided always*, that the relative valuations of different tracts of unseated land in the same subdivision shall not be changed or affected.

Commissioners
may direct de-
ductions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners may direct the deductions and additions aforesaid to be made out and completed by the principal assessors of the aforesaid assessment districts respectively, or, if they shall deem it more proper, by their own clerk, and by such assistants as they shall find necessary and appoint for that purpose: *Provided always*, that the compensation to be made to the said assistants shall not exceed the pay allowed to the assistant assessors by the act aforesaid.

Compensation.

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STATUTE I.

May 10, 1800.

Act of March
2, 1799, ch. 23.
Allowance to
certain collect-
ors.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act supplementary to an act, intituled "An Act to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on impost and tonnage."*(a)

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the thirtieth day of June next, there shall be allowed and paid annually, to and for the use of the several collectors and surveyors appointed, and to be appointed pursuant to law, and employed in the collection of the duties of imports and tonnage, in the districts herein after mentioned, in addition to their fees and emoluments otherwise allowed by law, the sums following respectively, that is to say:—To the collectors of Passamaquoddy, Waldoborough, and St. Mary's, two hundred and fifty dollars each; to the collectors of Machias, Great Egg Harbor, Little Egg Harbor, Perth Amboy, Bridgetown, Sunbury, and Georgetown in Maryland, one hundred dollars each; and to the collectors of Sagg Harbor, Brunswick, in Georgia, and Dumfries, fifty dollars each; to the surveyor of Bermuda Hundred, one hundred and fifty dollars; and to the surveyors of Newport, Providence, Port Royal, Alexandria, and Saybrook, one hundred dollars each.

Commissions
to certain col-
lectors.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the commissions heretofore allowed by law, there shall, from and after the thirtieth day of June next, be allowed to the collectors for the districts of Alexandria, Petersburg, and Richmond respectively, two and an half per centum, on all monies which shall be collected and received by them; to the collector for the district of Boston and Charlestown, and to the collectors of Baltimore and Philadelphia, three eighths of one per centum; to the collectors of Charleston, South Carolina, Salem and Norfolk and Portsmouth, three quarters of one per centum; to the collector of the district of Portland, one per centum, for and on account of the duties arising on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels.

Certain col-
lectors to de-
posit bonds in
bank for col-
lection.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collectors of the several districts of Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston, and they are hereby respectively directed to deposit for collection in the Bank of the United States, or at an office of discount and deposit of the said bank, all the bonds taken, or to be taken by them, for duties by virtue of any law of the United States; but on all money collected by the said banks the commissions aforesaid are to be allowed the said collectors in like manner as if received by them.

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(a) Act of March 2, 1799, chap. 23.