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CHAP. 194.—An Act To regulate the business of storage in District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Storage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person, firm, association, or corporation lawfully engaged in the business of storing goods, wares, merchandise, or personal property of any description shall have a lien first, except for taxes thereon for the agreed charges for storing the same, and for all moneys advanced for freight, cartage, labor, insurance, and other necessary expenses thereon. Said lien for such unpaid charges, upon at least one year's storage and for the aforesaid advances in connection therewith, may be enforced by sale at public auction, after thirty days' notice in writing mailed to the last-known address of the person or persons in whose name or names the said property so in default was stored, and said notice shall also be published for six days in a daily newspaper in the District of Columbia. And after deducting all storage charges, advances, and expenses of sale, any balance arising therefrom shall be paid by the bailee to the bailor of such goods, wares, merchandise, or personal property, his assigns or legal representatives.

Lien for charges.

Sale, etc.

Said property may be so sold either in bulk or in separate pieces, articles, packages, or parcels, as will in the judgment of the lien holder secure the largest obtainable price: *Provided*, That if the person or persons storing said property shall have assigned or transferred the title thereto and have duly recorded said assignment or transfer upon the books of the storage warehouse, the written notice of sale shall also be mailed to said transferee or assignee.

Proviso. Notice to assignee.

Delivery of property in litigation.

SEC. 2. That whenever the title or right of possession to any goods, wares, merchandise, or personal property on storage shall be put in issue by any judicial proceeding, the same shall be delivered upon the order of court after prepayment of the storage charges and cash advances then due, by the person at whose instance such change of possession is so ordered, and who shall be entitled to recover such payment as part of the costs in such proceeding, or, if defeated therein, he shall be credited with such payment in taxation of costs against him. And unless the person, firm, association, or corporation so conducting a storage business shall claim some right, title, or interest in said stored property otherwise than the lien hereinabove authorized, he, it, or they shall not be made a party to said judicial proceedings.

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CHAP. 195.—An Act To allow the return free of duty of certain articles exported from the United States for exhibition purposes.

Foreign expositions. Return of articles exhibited, duty free.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any article or articles or live stock shall be sent out of the United States for temporary use or exhibition at any public exposition, fair, or conference, held in a foreign country, such articles shall be entitled to be returned to the United States, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, without the payment of customs duty, whether they shall be of domestic or of foreign production: *Provided*, That the articles of foreign production have once paid duty in the United States and no drawback has been allowed thereon, and if any domestic articles are subject to internal-revenue tax, such tax shall be proved to have been paid before exportation and not refunded.

Proviso. Proof of payment of tax.

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May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 199.—An Act To provide for the safety of passengers on excursion steamers.

Regattas, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to provide for the safety of passengers on excursion steamers, yachts, oarsmen and all