

STATUTE II.

March 1, 1817.

Act of March 30, 1812, ch. 47, sec. 6.

Pursers to enter into bond in the penalty of 25,000 dollars.

Exception in favour of pursers on distant service.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment." (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every purser now in service, or who may hereafter be appointed, shall, instead of the bond required by the act to which this is a supplement, enter into bond with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all his duties as purser in the navy of the United States, which said sureties shall be approved by the judge or attorney of the United States for the district in which such purser shall reside.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the first day of May next, no person shall act in the character of purser, who shall not enter into bond as aforesaid, excepting pursers on distant service, who shall not remain in service longer than two months after their return to the United States, unless they shall comply with the provisions of the first section of this act.

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[Obsolete.]

Letters and packets to and from James Madison free during life.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from James Madison.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets to and from James Madison, now President of the United States, after the expiration of his term of office, and during his life, shall be carried by the mail free of postage.

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[Obsolete.]

Persons redeeming and purchasing citizens from captivity to be allowed not exceeding 150 dollars for each.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act relating to the ransom of American captives of the late war.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the War Department be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to settle the accounts of any person who may have redeemed and purchased from captivity any citizen of the United States, taken prisoner during the late war with Great Britain, upon the same principles and rules of evidence by which other claims are adjusted in said department: *Provided,* That in no case shall a greater sum be allowed than one hundred and fifty dollars.

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Powers of the commissioners appointed for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes extended.

Act of Feb. 20, 1812, ch. 25.

Act of 1789, ch. 20.

CHAP. XXX.—*An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes, depending in the courts of the United States."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the commissioners who now are, or hereafter may be, appointed by virtue of the act, entitled "An act for the more convenient taking of affidavits and bail in civil causes, depending in the courts of the United States," are hereby authorized to take affidavits and bail in civil causes, to be used in the several district courts of the United States, and shall and may exercise all the powers that a justice or judge of any of the courts of the United States may exercise by virtue of the thirtieth section of the act, entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the United States."

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(a) By an act to regulate the pay of pursers and other officers of the navy, passed August 26, 1842, ch. 206, the pay of pursers was fixed as follows; in lieu of all other pay and allowances when attached to vessels in commission for sea service, for ships of the line, \$3500; for frigates or razees, \$3000; for sloops of war and steamers, first class, \$2000; for brigs and schooners and steamers less than first class, \$1500. On duty at navy-yards, at Boston, New York, Norfolk and Pensacola, \$2500. At Portsmouth, Philadelphia and Washington, \$2000. At other naval stations within the United States, \$1500. And in receiving ships at Boston, New York and Norfolk, \$2500, and at other places, \$1500. On leave or waiting orders, the same pay as surgeons.