prohibitory regulations, the restrictions imposed by the act to cease with respect to that nation.

of to certain ports of the United States, shall discontinue such regulations, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to declare that fact by his proclamation, and the restrictions imposed by this act shall, from the date of such proclamation, cease and be discontinued in relation to the nation, or its dependencies, discontinuing such regulations.

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Statute II.

March 3, 1817.

Chap. XL.—*An Act authorizing the deposit of the papers of foreign vessels, with the consul of their respective nations.*

Act of Feb. 26, 1803, ch. 9. Ships' papers to be produced to the collector before entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the register, or other document in lieu thereof, together with the clearance and other papers, granted by the officers of the customs to any foreign ship or vessel, at her departure from the port or place from which she may have arrived, shall, previous to entry in any port of the United States, be produced to the collector with whom such entry is to be made. And it shall be the duty of the master or commander, within forty-eight hours after such entry, to deposit the said papers with the consul or vice-consul of the nation to which the vessel belongs, and to deliver to the collector the certificate of such consul or vice-consul, that the said papers have been so deposited; and any master, or commander, as aforesaid, who shall fail to comply with this regulation, shall, upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined in a sum not less than five hundred dollars, nor exceeding two thousand dollars; *Provided*, That this act shall not extend to the vessels of foreign nations in whose ports American consuls are not permitted to have the custody and possession of the register and other papers of vessels entering the ports of such nation, according to the provisions of the second section of the act supplementary to the act "concerning consuls and vice-consuls, and for the further protection of American seamen," passed the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and three.

The papers to be deposited with the consul of the nation within forty-eight hours.

Fine in case of non-compliance. Proviso; as to foreign nations in whose ports American consuls are not allowed to have custody of papers according to the act mentioned. 1803, ch. 9.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any foreign consul to deliver to the master or commander of any foreign vessel the register and other papers deposited with him pursuant to the provisions of this act, until such master or commander shall produce to him a clearance in due form from the collector of the port where such vessel has been entered; and any consul offending against the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof before the Supreme Court of the United States, be fined at the discretion of the court in a sum not less than five hundred dollars, nor exceeding five thousand dollars.

Consul not to deliver the papers to the master until he produces a clearance.

Consuls offending to be fined.

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[Obsolete.]

Chap. LXI.—*An Act to provide for furnishing the house of the President of the United States.*

Decayed furniture to be sold, and the proceeds and 20,000 dolls. additional appropriated for furnishing the President's house anew.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That after the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to cause to be sold such articles furnished by the United States for the President's household, as may be decayed, out of repair, or unfit for use; and that the proceeds of sales, and so much of a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, in addition thereto, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as the President of the United States may judge necessary, be, and hereby are, appropriated for the accommodation of

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