

or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from places beyond the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a collection district be and hereby is, established in the state of Massachusetts, which shall include all the ports and harbours on the western shore of the Penobscot bay and river, from the town of Camden to the town of Bangor, both inclusive; and a collector shall be appointed for the district, to reside at Belfast, which shall be the only port of entry for said district.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

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A collection district established.

A collector to reside at Belfast, &c.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repay or remit certain alien duties therein described.*

April 20, 1818.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be repaid or remitted all alien or discriminating duties, either upon tonnage or merchandise imported in respect to all British vessels which have been entered in ports of the United States, at any time between the third day of July, inclusive, and the eighteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, which have been paid, or secured to be paid, contrary to the provisions of the convention regulating commerce between the territories of the United States and of his Britannic Majesty, bearing date the third day of July, eighteen hundred and fifteen: *Provided*, That this act shall not take effect until a similar provision shall be made by the government of Great Britain, in favour of American vessels, in regard to duties on tonnage and merchandise entered in the British European ports during the same period.

Alien duties to be repaid or remitted, in respect to British vessels which have entered between 3d July and 18th Aug., 1815, paid, &c. contrary to the provisions of the convention, &c.

Proviso; the British must have made a similar provision, &c.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXV.—*An Act authorizing the disposal of certain lots of public ground in the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile.*

April 20, 1818.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States shall have power, and he is hereby authorized, whenever in his opinion it shall be consistent with the public interest, to abandon the use of the navy arsenal, military hospital, and barracks in the city of New Orleans, and of Fort Charlotte, at the town of Mobile; to cause the lots of ground whereon the said arsenal, hospital, and barracks in New Orleans, and Fort Charlotte, at Mobile, now stand, to be surveyed and laid off into lots, with suitable streets and avenues, conforming as near as may be, to the original plan of the city and town aforesaid; and when the surveys are completed, one plat thereof shall be returned to the Secretary of the Treasury, and another to such officer or agent as the President shall have authorized to dispose of the said lots; and the said lots of ground shall be offered at public sale at the city of New Orleans and town of Mobile respectively, on such day or days as the President shall, by his proclamation, designate for that purpose, in the same manner, and on the same conditions and terms of credit, as is provided by law for the sale of public lands of the United States, and patents shall be granted therefor, as for other public lands sold by the United States.

The President may abandon the use of the navy, arsenal, military hospital and barracks in New Orleans, and of Fort Charlotte, at Mobile, and cause the ground whereon they stand to be laid off into lots, &c.

A plat thereof to the Secretary of the Treasury, &c.

The lots to be offered at public sale, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, as soon as in his opinion the public interest will permit, to cause the Fort St. Charles to be demolished, and the navy yard in said city to be discontinued; and the lot of ground on which the said fort is erected shall be appropriated to the use of a public square,

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and may be improved for that purpose by order of the corporation of the said city.

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STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act for changing the compensation of receivers and registers of the land offices.*

Instead of present compensation, receivers to be paid an annual salary of 500 dolls. each, and commission of one per cent. &c.

Proviso.

Registers to receive, each, 500 dolls. per annum and commission of one per cent. &c.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That, instead of the compensation now allowed by law to the receivers of public moneys for the lands of the United States, they shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars each, and a commission of one per centum on the moneys received, as a compensation for clerk hire, receiving, safe keeping, and transmitting, such moneys to the treasury of the United States: *Provided always,* That the whole amount which any receiver of public moneys shall receive under the provisions of this act, shall not exceed, for any one year, the sum of three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, instead of the compensation now allowed by law, to the registers of the land offices, they shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars each, and a commission of one per centum on all the moneys expressed in the receipts by them filed and entered, and of which they shall have transmitted an account to the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided always,* That the whole amount which any register of the land offices shall receive, under the provisions of this act, shall not exceed, for any one year, the sum of three thousand dollars.

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STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act for transferring the claims in the office of the commissioner to the third auditor of the Treasury Department.*

All claims under the act authorizing payment of property lost, &c. not finally acted on &c., transferred to the office of the third auditor.

Act of 1816, ch. 40.

Act of 1817, ch. 110.

The third auditor to be governed by the same rules, &c.

500 dolls. for performing the duties under this act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That all claims under the act, entitled "An act to authorize the payment of property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed on the ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and the act in amendment thereof, passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, now remaining in the office of the commissioner of claims, and not acted on finally by said commissioner before the ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, be, and the same are hereby, transferred to the office of the third auditor of the Treasury Department; and the said third auditor, in all adjudications upon the claims aforesaid, shall be governed, in all respects, by the same rules, regulations, and restrictions, as have heretofore been prescribed to the commissioner of claims under the above-recited acts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the third auditor aforesaid, for performing the duties hereby required of him, shall be allowed and paid the sum of five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act respecting the surveying and sale of the public lands in the Alabama territory.*

Act of March 2, 1819, ch. 47.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the powers and duties