

of the act of May 15th, 1820, not to extend to French vessels, &c.

The Secretary of the Treasury to refund the extra duties to vessels, &c.

1820, ch. 126.

In case of a convention of navigation or commerce, the President may suspend the act to impose a new tonnage duty on French vessels, &c.

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entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels," passed May fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, shall not extend to, or operate upon, any French ship or vessel that shall have entered into any port within the jurisdiction of the United States prior to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, after deducting a tonnage duty equal to that paid by every French ship or vessel which entered the ports within the jurisdiction of the United States prior to the passage and operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels," passed May fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, from the tonnage duty collected from French ships and vessels, by virtue of the above-recited act, between the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and the thirtieth day of September following, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay and refund the remainder of such tonnage duty, free from costs and charges, to any person or persons who shall have authority to receive the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the event of the signature of any treaty or convention concerning the navigation or commerce between the dominions of the United States and France, the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized, should he deem the same expedient, by proclamation to suspend, until the end of the next session of Congress, the operation of the aforesaid act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels, and for other purposes;" and, also, to suspend, as aforesaid, all other duties on French vessels, or the goods imported in the same, which may exceed the duties on American vessels, and on similar goods imported in the same.

APPROVED, March 3, 1821.

#### STATUTE II.

March 3, 1821.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to amend the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States."*

Act of April 29, 1816, ch. 138.

First section of the act of 29th April, 1816, repealed. 500,000 dollars per annum for six years, for the gradual increase of the navy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the first section of the act, entitled "An act for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States," approved April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixteen, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, instead of the appropriation therein contained, there shall be, and is hereby, appropriated, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars per annum, for six years, from the year eighteen hundred and twenty-one, inclusive, to be applied to carry into effect the purposes of the said act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1821.

#### STATUTE II.

March 3, 1821.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act to establish a port of entry in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, and for other purposes.*

Portland to be the port of entry after 1st May, 1821.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That, from and after the first day of May next, the town of Portland in the district of Sandusky, in the state of Ohio, shall be the port of entry for that district; and that from and after that time the present port of entry established at Danbury shall cease to be the port of entry for said district.

APPROVED, March 3, 1821.