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duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided*, That all such articles, when sold or withdrawn for consumption in the United States, shall be subject to the duty, if any, imposed upon such articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of importation, and all penalties prescribed by law shall be applied and enforced against such articles and against the persons who may be guilty of any illegal sale or withdrawal: *And provided further*, That all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, including salaries of customs officials in charge of imported articles, shall be paid to the Treasury of the United States by the Ohio Centennial Company, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Provisos.
—duty.

Salaries and expenses.

SEC. 5. That medals with appropriate devices, emblems, and inscriptions commemorative of said Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition and of the awards to be made to exhibitors thereat be prepared at some mint in the United States for the board of directors thereof, subject to the provisions of the fifty-second section of the coinage Act of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, upon the payment by the Ohio Centennial Company of a sum not less than the cost thereof; and all the provisions, whether penal or otherwise, of said coinage Act against the counterfeiting or imitating of coins of the United States shall apply to the medal struck and issued under this Act.

Commemorative medals.

Vol. 17, p. 432.

SEC. 6. That the United States shall in no manner and under no circumstances be liable for any bond, debt, contract, expenditure, expense, or liability of any kind whatever of the said Ohio Centennial Company, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or incident to or growing out of said exposition, nor for any amount whatever in excess of the five hundred thousand dollars herein authorized; and the heads of the Executive Departments, the Smithsonian Institution and National Museum, the Commission of Fish and Fisheries, the Department of Labor, and the Bureau of American Republics, and the board of management herein authorized, their officers, agents, servants, or employees, shall in no manner and under no circumstances expend or create any liability of any kind for any sum in excess of the appropriations herein made or create any deficiency.

Liability of United States limited.

SEC. 7. That at the close of the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition the exhibits of the United States Government shall be returned to the several departments or bureaus from which they were received; and such collections as may be acquired by the board by purchase, preparation, gift, or otherwise, illustrating the natural resources, industries, customs, and commerce of the other American Republics, shall be placed for permanent preservation in the United States National Museum.

Return of exhibits to Executive Departments, etc.

SEC. 8. That the appropriation herein made, of five hundred thousand dollars in all, shall take effect and become available immediately upon the proof being made to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the conditions prescribed in section three of this Act have been complied with.

Availability of appropriation.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 435.—An Act To amend the internal-revenue laws relating to distilled spirits, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under the conditions and limitations imposed by section fifty of the Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the support of the Government, and for other purposes," allowance for loss shall be made as to all distilled spirits produced and originally gauged for deposit prior to January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and which lawfully remain in any internal-revenue bonded warehouse, after the expiration of the period

Distilled spirits.
Loss allowance on, in warehouse remaining after forty-eight months from original gauge.
Vol. 28, p. 564.

Proviso.
Maximum allowance.

of forty-eight months from the date of original gauge: *Provided, however*, That the allowance for loss herein authorized shall not exceed nine and one-half gallons for forty-nine, fifty, fifty-one, and fifty-two months; ten gallons for fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-six months; ten and one-half gallons for fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, and sixty months; eleven gallons for sixty one, sixty-two, sixty-three, and sixty-four months; eleven and one-half gallons for sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven, and sixty-eight months; twelve gallons for sixty-nine, seventy, seventy-one, and seventy-two months; twelve and one-half gallons for seventy-three, seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six months; thirteen gallons for seventy seven, seventy-eight, seventy-nine, and eighty months; and thirteen and one-half gallons for eighty-one, eighty-two, eighty-three, and eighty-four months, and no further allowance shall be made.

Regaging at warehouse within eighty-four months from original gauge.

SEC. 2. That the allowance for loss herein provided shall be ascertained by regauge on request of distiller before the expiration of eighty-four months from date of original gauge, and shall apply to spirits remaining in any internal-revenue bonded warehouse which shall have been regauged heretofore under the provisions of section fifty of the said Act of August twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four:

Proviso.
Spirits originally gauged March 1, 1882, etc.

Provided, That for the regauge of spirits originally gauged for deposit on or before the first day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the request of the distiller for a regauge under the provisions of this Act may be made at any time before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 436.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to suspend the operation of certain provisions of law relating to the War Department, and for other purposes," approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Army.
Suspension of certain provisions of law.
Ante, p. 433.

"That the operation of the following provisions of law be, and is hereby, continued suspended for such further time as, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, may be found necessary, or until otherwise provided by Congress, not longer, however, than March first, nineteen hundred, namely:

"First. The provision of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Provisos.
Limit of draft animals.
Vol. 25, p. 486.

"'*Provided*, That hereafter no part of this appropriation shall be expended in the purchase for the Army of draft animals until the number on hand shall be reduced to five thousand, and thereafter shall only be expended for the purchase of a number sufficient to keep the supply up to five thousand.'

Ante, p. 323.

"Second. The provisions of the first section of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and for other purposes,' in the following words:

Quartermaster's Department.
—printing for, etc.

"'*Provided*, That hereafter no part of the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department shall be expended on printing unless the same shall be done by contract, after due notice and competition, except in such cases as the emergency will not admit of the giving notice for competition: *Provided further*, That after advertisement all the supplies for the use of the various departments and posts of the Army and of the branches of the army service shall hereafter be purchased where

—purchases where cheapest, etc.
Ante, p. 322.