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Proviso. Existing treaties.

of the United States would be for a similar violation: *Provided*, That treaties in force between the United States and foreign nations do not conflict.

Regulations.

"(g) That under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury the Commissioner of Navigation shall make regulations to carry out this section."

Repeal. Vol. 24, p. 80. R. S., secs. 4531, 4532, 4533, 4534, p. 876.

SEC. 25. That section three of chapter four hundred and twenty-one of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-six, approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six; sections forty-five hundred and thirty-one, forty-five hundred and thirty-two, forty-five hundred and thirty-three, forty-five hundred and thirty-four, forty-five hundred and ninety-eight, forty-five hundred and ninety-nine, forty-six hundred and one, and forty-six hundred and nine, of the Revised Statutes, and so much of chapter ninety-seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five as relates to allotment, and subdivision eight of section forty-five hundred and eleven of the Revised Statutes, in so far as the same relates to the domestic trade as defined in section nineteen of this Act, and that section three of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the laws relating to navigation, and for other purposes," approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter sixty-one, page eighty, Statutes Fiftieth Congress, first session, are hereby repealed.

R. S., secs. 4598, 4599, p. 891. R. S., sec. 4601, p. 892. R. S., sec. 4609, p. 893. Vol. 28, p. 667. R. S., sec. 4511, p. 872. Vol. 25, p. 80.

Effect.

SEC. 26. That this Act shall take effect sixty days after its approval, and shall apply to all vessels not herein specifically exempted, but sections one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-three, and twenty-four shall not apply to fishing or whaling vessels or yachts.

Scope of act.

Exception of fishing, etc., vessels.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

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CHAP. 29.—An Act Concerning sail vessels of over seven hundred tons, and for other purposes.

Sail vessels. R. S., sec. 4438, p. 859, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and thirty-eight of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Licenses of masters and mates.

"SEC. 4438. The boards of local inspectors shall license and classify the masters, chief mates, and second and third mates, if in charge of a watch, engineers, and pilots of all steam vessels, and the masters and chief mates of sail vessels of over seven hundred tons and all other vessels and barges of over one hundred tons burden carrying passengers for hire. It shall be unlawful to employ any person, or for any person to serve, as a master, chief mate, engineer, or pilot of any steamer, or as master or chief mate of any sail vessel of over seven hundred tons who is not licensed by the inspectors; and anyone violating this section shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each offense."

SEC. 2. That section forty-four hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

License of master. R. S., sec. 4439, p. 859, amended. —examination of applicant.

"SEC. 4439. Whenever any person applies to be licensed as master of any steam vessel, or of a sail vessel of over seven hundred tons, the inspectors shall make diligent inquiry as to his character, and shall carefully examine the applicant as well as the proofs which he presents in support of his claim, and if they are satisfied that his capacity, experience, habits of life, and character are such as warrant the belief that he can safely be intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of the station for which he makes application, they shall grant him a license authorizing him to discharge such duties on any such vessel for the term of five years; but such license shall be suspended or revoked upon satisfactory proof of bad conduct, intemperate habits, incapacity, inattention to his duties, or the willful violation of any provision of this title applicable to him."

—revocation of license.

SEC. 3. That section forty-four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

License of chief mate. R. S., sec. 4440, p. 860, amended.

"SEC. 4440. Whenever any person applies for authority to be employed as chief mate of ocean or coastwise steam vessels or of sail vessels of over seven hundred tons, or as second or third mate of ocean or coastwise steam vessels, who shall have charge of a watch, or whenever any person applies for authority to be employed as mate of river steamers, the inspectors shall require satisfactory evidence of the knowledge, experience, and skill of the applicant in lading cargo and in handling and stowage of freight, and if for license as chief mate on ocean or coastwise steamers, or of sail vessels of over seven hundred tons, or as second or third mate of ocean or coastwise steamers, who shall have charge of a watch, shall also examine him as to his knowledge and ability in navigation and managing such vessels and all other duties pertaining to his station, and if satisfied of his qualifications and good character they shall grant him a license authorizing him to perform such duties for the term of five years upon the waters upon which he is found qualified to act; but such license shall be suspended or revoked upon satisfactory proof of bad conduct, intemperate habits, unskillfulness, or want of knowledge of the duties of his station or the willful violation of any provision of this title."

—examinations, etc.

—suspension of license.

Inspectors of hulls of sail vessels. R. S., sec. 4417, p. 856, amended.

SEC. 4. That section forty-four hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended by adding thereto the words: "The local inspectors shall, once in every year, at least, or upon application in writing of the master or owner, carefully inspect the hull of each sail vessel of over seven hundred tons and all other vessels and barges of over one hundred tons burden carrying passengers for hire within their respective districts, and shall satisfy themselves that every such vessel so submitted to their inspection is of a structure suitable for the service in which she is to be employed, has suitable accommodations for the crew, and is in a condition to warrant the belief that she may be used in navigation with safety to life."

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect on July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Approved, December 21, 1898.

CHAP. 30.—An Act Regulating the inspection of flour in the District of Columbia. December 21, 1898.

District of Columbia. Inspection of flour. Inspectors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint for said District two inspectors of flour, who shall be competent judges of flour; said inspectors to hold said offices two years, unless sooner removed by the said Commissioners.

—oath of.

SEC. 2. That the said inspectors, before entering upon the duties of their office, shall make oath or affirmation before a notary public that without favor, affection, malice, partiality, or respect of person they will diligently and carefully view, examine, and inspect, to the best of their skill and knowledge, all flour required by this Act to be inspected by them; that they will not pass or cause to be passed any barrels or half barrels or sacks of flour which are not in their judgment clean, sweet, and merchantable, according to the directions of this Act; also that they will not charge, ask, or take or receive any other or larger fees for doing their duty as inspectors of flour than are mentioned and directed by this Act; that they will diligently and carefully view and examine all barrels, half barrels, and sacks containing flour, and that they will not mark or pass, or cause to be passed, any barrel, half barrel, or sack of flour, unless such barrel, half barrel, or sack be of the size and quality required as by this Act; and said oaths shall be filed in the office of said Commissioners.

Barrels, dimensions of, etc.

SEC. 3. That all barrels and half barrels containing flour, manufactured within the District of Columbia, or brought to the same for sale, shall be well made, of good, clean material, and tightened with ten or