

Duties on
wines reduced
one-half, after
30th July, 1836.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the thirtieth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the duty on all kinds of wine imported into the United States shall be reduced one-half, so that no more than one-half the amount now assessed shall be thereafter assessed.

Wines may be
put into custom-
house stores,
&c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all kinds of wine, whether imported before or after the passage of this act, may be put into the custom-house stores, under the bond of the importer or owner; and such of the said wines as shall remain under the control of the proper officer of the customs, on the thirtieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, shall be subject to no other duty than if the same were imported after that day; and if the duties or any part thereof, on the wines deposited, as aforesaid, shall have been paid previous to the said thirtieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, the amount of excess of duty shall be refunded to the person importing and depositing the same: *Provided*, That no wines shall be so deposited unless in the casks or bottles as imported: *And provided, further*, That the benefit of this act shall not be extended to any wines not entitled to debenture.

APPROVED, July 4, 1836.

STATUTE I.

July 4, 1836.

CHAP. CCCLX.—*An act for the purchase of certain rights or inventions of William H. Bell, of North Carolina.*

To be paid to
him for his inter-
est in two pa-
tent rights.

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 hereby authorized to pay to Captain William H. Bell, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, whenever said Bell shall transfer and convey to the United States all his, said Bell's, right, interest, and title, in and to two certain patents, viz: one called a machine for elevating heavy cannon, the other called a traverse board for pointing cannon; together with all the right to the United States to use every improvement that has been made by said Bell on the said inventions, since patenting the same; *Provided, however*, That said sum of twenty thousand dollars shall be in full for all claims against the United States for using said patents.

APPROVED, July 4, 1836.

STATUTE I.

July 4, 1836.

CHAP. CCCLXI.—*An Act confirming claims to land in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.*

Decisions of
the recorder
confirmed.

Act of July 9,
1832, ch. 180.

Act of March
2, 1833, ch. 84.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the decisions in favor of land claimants, made by the recorder of land titles in the State of Missouri, and the two commissioners associated with him by virtue of an act entitled "An act for the final adjustment of private land claims in Missouri," approved July ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and an act supplemental thereto, approved March second, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, as entered in the transcript of decisions transmitted by the said recorder and commissioners to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and by him laid before Congress at the two last and present sessions, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, saying and reserving, however, to all adverse claimants, the right to assert the validity of their claims in a court or courts of justice: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall apply to, or be in confirmation of the claim of Don Carlos D. Vilemont, for a tract of land at Point Chicot: *And provided, also*, That nothing in this act contained shall apply to, or be in confirmation of the following claims, to wit: Manuel Liza, six thousand arpens; J. Coontz, and Hempstead,

Proviso.

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