

Sufferers by the late fire in Portsmouth allowed a further time for the payment of bonds for duties.

one, or more sureties, payable to the collector for the district of Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, or to the collector of the district of Boston and Charlestown, and who have suffered a loss of property by the late conflagration at Portsmouth, shall be and hereby are allowed to take up, or have cancelled, all bonds heretofore given for duties as aforesaid, upon giving to the said collector or collectors new bonds, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the said collector or collectors, for the sums of their former bonds respectively, payable in twelve months from and after the day of payment specified in the bonds to be taken up and cancelled, as aforesaid; and the said collectors are hereby authorized to give up or cancel all such bonds, upon the receipt of others, as described in this act; which last mentioned bonds shall be proceeded with, in all respects, like other bonds which are taken by collectors for duties due to the United States: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this act contained shall extend to bonds which had fallen due prior to the twenty-fourth day of December last.

APPROVED, February 10, 1807.

Proviso.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 10, 1807.

CHAP. X.—*An Act for the relief of Edmund Briggs.*

Collector to pay him or his agent the amount of bounty found due to him.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the collector for the district of Newport be, and he hereby is directed to pay to Edmund Briggs, owner of the schooner Phebe, or his agent, the amount of bounty, or allowance arising on a fishing voyage, which was made in the said vessel, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, upon satisfactory proof being exhibited to the said collector, that the said schooner was employed during the four months of the fishing season.

Repeal of a section of the law relating to Robert Patton, &c.

Act of March 3, 1805, ch. 46.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act, intituled "An act for the relief of Robert Patton, and others," passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and five, as is contained in the second section thereof, be, and the same hereby is repealed.

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CHAP. XI.—*An Act for the relief of William Hearn.*

Sec. Treas. to cause inquiries to be made into his pecuniary circumstances, and to give him a certificate.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to inquire, by himself, or by some trusty agent whom he may appoint for the purpose, into the pecuniary circumstances of William Hearn, now imprisoned, by virtue of a writ of execution, in favor of the United States, in the prison of Washington county, district of Columbia; and if said Hearn shall assign and convey to the secretary aforesaid, all the estate, of every kind and description, which he may own, or be entitled to, in possession, remainder, or reversion, to the proper use and benefit of the United States; or if he, the said Hearn, shall prove to the satisfaction of the secretary, or agent aforesaid, that he has no estate, and has not transferred all or any part of his property, with intent to avoid the payment of the sum for which he is imprisoned, or to defraud the United States; then the secretary of the treasury shall give to said Hearn, a certificate, stating what he has done in the premises: and upon said Hearn producing such certificate to the marshal of the district of Columbia, he shall discharge said Hearn from his imprisonment: *Provided*, in case the certificate shall specify that the said Hearn has satisfied the secretary, or agent aforesaid, that he had no estate, and of course has made no assignment, then the said Hearn shall either pay, or execute to the marshal, his obligation, payable to the United States, for all fees and expenses, which have arisen in consequence of his, said Hearn's imprisonment, before he be discharged as aforesaid: *And provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed, to discharge any other person from any liableness to the payment of,

Upon which the marshal, &c. is authorized to discharge him.

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