

ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the third session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the sixth day of December, 1790, and ended on the third day of March, 1791.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President, JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE III.

Dec. 27, 1790.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act supplementary to the act intitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."*

[Obsolete.]
Recital.

WHEREAS no express provision has been made for extending the act, intitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," to the collection of the duties imposed by the said "Act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," doubts concerning the same may arise: (a)—Therefore, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act, intitled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," doth and shall extend to, and be in force for the collection of the duties specified and laid in and by the act, intitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," as fully and effectually, as if every regulation, restriction, penalty, provision, clause, matter and thing therein contained, had been inserted in and re-enacted by the act last aforesaid.

Provisions of the act for collection of duties, extended to the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.

APPROVED, December 27, 1790.

STATUTE III.

Jan. 7, 1791.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to provide for the unlading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by Ice.*

[Obsolete.]
Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22, sec. 85.

WHEREAS it sometimes happens, that ships or vessels are obstructed by ice in their passage to the ports of their destination, and it is necessary that provision should be made for unlading such ships or vessels:

In cases of obstruction by ice, collector may receive entry at any other place within his district.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in all cases where a ship or vessel shall be prevented by ice from getting to the port at which her cargo is intended to be delivered, it shall be lawful for the collector of the district, in which such ship or vessel may be so obstructed, to receive the report and entry of any such ship or vessel, and with the consent of the naval officer (where there is one) to grant a permit or permits for unlading or landing the goods, wares or merchandise imported in such ship or vessel at any place within his district, which shall appear to him to be most convenient and proper.

(a) Act of August 4, 1790, chap. 35; act of August 10, 1790, chap. 39; act of August 12, 1790, chap. 47; act of May 8, 1792, chap. 38; act of May 30, 1794, chap. 36; act of January 28, 1793, chap. 13; act of February 19, 1796, chap. 2; act of March 3, 1797, chap. 14.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the report and entry of such ship or vessel, and of her cargo, or any part thereof, and all persons concerned therein, shall be under and subject to the same rules, regulations, restrictions, penalties and provisions, as if the said ship or vessel had arrived at the port of her destination, and had there proceeded to the delivery of her cargo.

Under the usual regulations in other countries.

APPROVED, January 7, 1791.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. III.—*An Act to continue an act intituled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," so far as the same respects the States of Georgia and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.*

Jan. 10, 1791.

[Expired.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act passed the last session of Congress, intituled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the states of Maryland, Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," shall be continued, and is hereby declared to be in full force, so far as the same respects the states of Georgia, and Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for the farther term of one year, and from thence to the end of the then next session of Congress, and no longer.

1792, ch. 10.

1790, ch. 43.

APPROVED, January 10, 1791.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act declaring the consent of Congress, that a new State be formed within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and admitted into this Union, by the name of the State of Kentucky.*

Feb. 4, 1791.

WHEREAS the legislature of the commonwealth of Virginia, by an act entitled "An act concerning the erection of the district of Kentucky into an independent state," passed the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, have consented, that the district of Kentucky, within the jurisdiction of the said commonwealth, and according to its actual boundaries at the time of passing the act aforesaid, should be formed into a new state: And whereas a convention of delegates, chosen by the people of the said district of Kentucky, have petitioned Congress to consent, that, on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the said district should be formed into a new state, and received into the Union, by the name of "The State of Kentucky:"

Recital.
Reference to the act of the legislature of Virginia.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, and it is hereby enacted and declared*, That the Congress doth consent, that the said district of Kentucky, within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth of Virginia, and according to its actual boundaries, on the eighteenth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall, upon the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, be formed into a new State, separate from and independent of, the said commonwealth of Virginia.

Consent of Congress that a part of Virginia within certain boundaries, shall become a new state, June 1, 1792.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted and declared*, That upon the aforesaid first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, the said new State, by the name and style of the State of Kentucky, shall be received and admitted into this Union, as a new and entire member of the United States of America.

When and by what name admitted into the Union.

APPROVED, February 4, 1791.