

CHAP. LXI.—*An Act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, manufactured within the United States.* (a)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That from and after the eighteenth day of April next, there shall be paid upon all gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, except timepieces, which shall thereafter be manufactured or made for sale within the United States or the territories thereof, a duty of six per centum ad valorem, by the manufacturer thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the duty aforesaid shall be imposed, paid, collected, and accounted for, in like manner, and subject to the like provisions and penalties, as the duties imposed by the "Act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," passed the eighteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, all the provisions of which act shall apply to the duty hereby imposed, and to those by whom it shall be payable, the same as if it were specifically inserted among the dutiable objects enumerated in the first section thereof.

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Duty upon gold, silver, and plated ware.

Regulations concerning the tax.

Act of Jan. 18, 1815, ch. 22.

CHAP. LXII.—*An act to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That from and after the first day of April next, the act entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, barges for the defence of the ports and harbours of the United States," passed the fifth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen; and also an act, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment of certain officers for the flotilla service," passed the sixteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, shall be repealed, and cease to be in force.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the barges and other vessels composing the flotilla establishment, (they being first divested of their guns and military stores, which are to be carefully preserved,) shall be sold or laid up under the direction of the President of the United States, and the moneys arising therefrom paid into the treasury thereof.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all the commissioned and warrant officers, and all the privates, who shall be discharged in consequence of the repeal of the acts aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive four months' pay, over and above what may be due to them respectively at the time of their discharge.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to cause all the armed vessels thereof on the lakes, except such as he may deem necessary to enforce the proper execution of the revenue laws, to be sold or laid up, as he may judge most conducive to the public interest; such vessels being first divested of their armament, tackle and furniture, which are to be carefully preserved.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, or

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Repeal of certain acts concerning the flotilla service.

Act of July 5, 1813, ch. 6.

Act of April 16, 1814, ch. 59.

Vessels of the flotilla establishment to be sold or laid up.

Commissioned and warrant officers, and privates, entitled to receive four months' additional pay when discharged.

Armed vessels on the Lakes to be sold or laid up, except what are necessary for the public service.

Repeal of an act of Nov. 15, 1814, ch. 3.

(a) Repealed by act of Feb. 22, 1816, ch. 13.

President authorized to sell certain vessels acquired under it.

President authorized to cause to be sold the gun-boats unnecessary for public service, and warrant officers and privates in consequence entitled to four months' pay, &c.

purchased, the vessels therein mentioned," passed the fifteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and he same is hereby repealed, and the President of the United States is hereby authorized to cause to be sold such of the vessels acquired under the said act, as he may deem inexpedient to be retained in the public service; and to cause the money arising therefrom to be paid into the public treasury.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be sold, they being first divested of their guns and military stores, which are to be carefully preserved, such and so many of the gun-boats belonging to the United States, as in his judgment may no longer be necessary to be retained for the public service; and such of the warrant officers and privates as may be discharged in consequence of such sale, shall be entitled to receive four months' pay, over and above what may be due to them at the time of their discharge.

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#### STATUTE III.

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CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location."*

Act of April 16, 1814, ch. 61. Western boundary of the Illinois territory to include all islands in the Mississippi, between the middle and eastern margin.

Proviso of a former act repealed so far as it regards settlers on fractions of sections, &c. 1816, ch. 101 § 3.

Proviso.

Settlers on lands reserved for the use of schools, entitled to the pre-emption of the like quantity of other land, on the same terms and within the proper boundary.

Persons who failed to locate their claims, entitled to pre-emption upon other unappro-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the western boundary of the tract of country set apart by the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location," be extended upon the river Mississippi, to the middle thereof, so as to include all islands in said river, between the middle and eastern margin, throughout the length of said line; and that all or any of the said islands shall be subject to be appropriated under the said recited act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the proviso contained in the fourth section of the before-recited act be repealed, so far as it regards persons settled on fractions of sections or quarter sections containing less than one hundred and sixty acres; and that such persons under the like circumstances shall be considered as entitled to all the rights, benefits, and advantages, specified in the said fourth section, as those settled on sections or quarter sections, and also, to any right, privilege, or advantage secured by this act: *Provided however*, That such persons shall not be permitted in such cases to take less than the whole quantity of such fractional quarter section on which they are respectively settled.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons, who settled on and improved any of the lands in the said territory, reserved for the use of schools or seminaries of learning, before the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and who would have had the right of pre-emption thereto, had not the same been reserved as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the pre-emption of the like quantity of other land, upon the same terms, and under the same restrictions, provided by the fourth section of the said recited act, to be located on any lands within the boundary specified in this and the said recited act, not otherwise appropriated; and such persons shall also be entitled to the benefit of, and subject to, the restrictions contained in this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every person or persons entitled to the pre-emption of lands, under the fourth section of the before-recited act, who failed to locate their claims within the time limited in said act, and which lands have been appropriated by others, shall be entitled to the pre-emption of the like quantity, as they could