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AN ACT

An act Supplementary to an act, intituled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Waſhington, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act intituled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Waſhington, in the diſtrict of Columbia, except ſo much of the ſame as is inconſiſtent with the proviſions of this act, be and the ſame is hereby continued in force for and during the term of fifteen years from the end of the next ſeſſion of congreſs.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the council of the city of Waſhington, from and after the period for which the members of the preſent council have been elected, ſhall conſiſt of two chambers, each of which ſhall be compoſed of nine members, to be choſen by diſtinct ballots, according to the directions of the act to which this is a ſupplement; a majority of each chamber ſhall conſtitute a quorum to do buſineſs: In caſe vacancies ſhall occur in the council, the chamber in which the ſame may happen ſhall ſupply the ſame by an election, by ballot from the three perſons next higheſt on the liſt, to thoſe elected at the preceding election; and a majority of the whole number of the chamber in which ſuch vacancy may happen, ſhall be neceſſary to make an election.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the council ſhall have power to eſtabliſh and regulate the inſpection of flour, tobacco and ſalted proviſions, the guaging of caſks and liquors, the ſtorage of gunpowder, and all naval and military ſtores, not the property of the United States, to regulate the weight and quality of bread; to tax and licence hawkers and pedlars, to reſtrain or prohibit tippling houſes, lotteries, and all kinds of gaming; to ſuperintend the health of the city, to preſerve the navigation of the Potomac and Anacoſta rivers, adjoining the city; to erect, repair and regulate public wharves, and to deepen docks and baſons; to provide for the eſtabliſhment and ſuperintendance of public ſchools; to licence and regulate, excluſively, hackney coaches, ordinary keepers, retailers and ferries; to provide for the appointment of inſpectors, conſtables, and ſuch other officers as may be neceſſary to execute the laws of the corporation; and to give ſuch compenſation to the mayor of the city as they may deem fit.

Sec. 4. *And be it be further enacted,* That the levy court of the county of Waſhington ſhall not hereafter poſſeſs the power of impoſing any tax on the inhabitants of the city of Waſhington.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN BROWN,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
February 24, 1804.
Approved,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

For the relief of the captors of the Moorish armed ship Meshouda and Mirboha.

BE it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the ſum of eight thouſand five hundred and ninety-four dollars, and fifty cents, being one moiety of the value of the armed ſhip Meſhouda, captured by the frigate John Adams, commanded by capt. John Rodgers, and reſtored to the Emperor of Morocco, be, and the ſame is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenſe of prize money due to the captors; and that the further ſum of ſeven hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and twenty five cents, be, and the ſame hereby is appropriated for defraying the expences incurred for the ſaid ſhip, whilſt in poſſeſſion of the captors.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN BROWN,
President of the Senate pro-tempore.
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AN ACT

For laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage within the territories ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States, and the French Republic; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the ſame duties which by law now are, or hereafter may be laid on goods, wares, and merchandiſe imported into the United States, on the tonnage of veſſels, and on the paſſports and clearances of veſſels, ſhall be laid and collected on goods, wares and merchandiſe imported into the territories ceded to the United States, by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thouſand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic; and on veſſels arriving in, or departing from the ſaid territories: And the following acts, that is to ſay the act entitled,

An act to eſtabliſh the treaſury department.

An act concerning the regiſtering and recording of ſhips and veſſels.

An act for enrolling and licenſing ſhips or veſſels to be employed in the coaſting trade and fiſheries.

An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.

An act to eſtabliſh the compenſations of officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purpoſes.

An act for the more effectual recovery of debts due from individuals to the United States.

And an act to provide more effectually for the ſettlement of accounts between the United States and receivers of public money.

An act to authoriſe the ſale and conveyance of lands in certain caſes, by the marſhals of the United States, and to confirm former ſales.

An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties and diſabilities accruing in certain caſes therein mentioned.

An act to eſtabliſh a mint, and to regulate the coins of the United States.

An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purpoſes.

And the act ſupplementary to and amendatory of the two laſt mentioned acts, or ſo much of the ſaid acts as is now in force, and alſo ſo much of any other act or acts of the United States as is now in force, or may be hereafter enacted, for laying any duties on imports, tonnage, ſeamen or ſhipping, for regulating and ſecuring the collection of the ſame, and for regulating the compenſations of the officers employed in the collection of the ſame; for granting and regulating drawbacks, bounties and allowances in lieu of drawbacks; concerning the regiſtering, recording, enrolling and licenſing of ſhips and veſſels; to provide for the ſettlement of accounts between the United States and individuals; for the recovery of debts due to the United States; and for remitting forfeitures, penalties and diſabilities; ſhall extend to and have full force and effect in the above mentioned territories: Provided however, and it is hereby further enacted, that ſhips or veſſels which on the twentieth day of December laſt were owned by perſons then reſiding in the above mentioned territories and who either were citizens of the United States, or had reſided in the ſaid territories during five years next preceding, ſhall be entitled to the benefits and privileges of veſſels of the United States, whilſt they ſhall continue to be wholly owned by ſuch perſons, or by citizens of the United States; Provided, nevertheleſs, that the perſons claiming ſuch privileges for their ſhips or veſſels, ſhall in every other reſpect comply with the proviſions of the acts for regiſtering, recording, enrolling and licenſing of ſhips or veſſels, and who, if not citizens of the the United States, ſhall have previouſly taken an oath of allegiance to the United States; which oath the collector of the port is hereby authoriſed to adminiſter.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That ſo much of any act or acts of the United States now in force, or which may be hereafter, enacted, concerning the bank of the United States, and for the puniſhment of frauds committed on the ſame; for the relief of ſick and diſabled ſeamen; for the protection of American ſeamen; for the government and regulation of ſeamen in the merchant ſervice; and for preventing the exportation of goods not duly inſpected; ſhall extend to and have full force and effect in the above mentioned territories.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That ſo much of any law, or laws, laying any duties on the importation into the United States of goods, wares, and merchandiſe from the ſaid territories, (or allowing drawbacks on the importation of the ſame from the United States to the ſaid territories,) or reſpecting the commercial intercourſe between the United States and the ſaid territories, or between the ſeveral parts of the United States through the ſaid territories, which is inconſiſtent with the proviſions of the preceding ſection, be, and the ſame hereby is repealed: and all duties on the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandiſe from the ſaid territories, as well as all duties on the importation of goods, wares, and merchandiſe into the ſaid territories, on the transfer of ſhips or veſſels, and on the tonnage of veſſels, other than thoſe laid by virtue of the laws of the United States, ſhall, from the time when this act ſhall commence to be in force, ceaſe and determine: *Provided however,* That nothing herein contained ſhall be conſtrued to affect the fees and other charges uſually paid in the ſaid territories on account of pilotage, wharfage, or the right of anchoring by the levy of the city of New-Orleans, which ſeveral fees and charges ſhall, until otherwiſe directed, continue to be paid and applied to the ſame purpoſes as heretofore.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That, to the end that the laws providing 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 and veſſels, and the laws reſpecting the revenue and navigation of the United States may be carried into effect, within the ſaid territories, the territories ceded to the United States, by the treaty above mentioned, and alſo all the navigable waters of the rivers, creeks, bays, and inlets, lying within the United States, which empty into the gulph of Mexico, eaſt of the river Miſſiſſippi, ſhall be annexed to the Miſſiſſippi diſtrict, and ſhall, together with the ſame, conſtitute one diſtrict, to be called the "Diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi." The city of New-Orleans ſhall be the ſole port of entry in the ſaid diſtrict, and the town of Bayou St. John ſhall be a port of delivery; a collector, naval officer, and ſurveyor ſhall be appointed to reſide at New-Orleans, and a ſurveyor ſhall be appointed to reſide at the port of Bayou St. John; and the Preſident of the United States is hereby authoriſed to appoint, not exceeding three ſurveyors, to reſide at ſuch other places, within the ſaid diſtrict, as he ſhall deem expedient, and to conſtitute each, or either of ſuch places ports of delivery only. And ſo much of any law or laws, as eſtabliſhes a diſtrict on the river Miſſiſſippi, ſouth of the river Tenneſſee, is hereby repealed, except as to the recovery and receipt of ſuch duties on goods, wares, and merchandiſe, and on the tonnage of ſhips or veſſels, as ſhall have accrued, and as to the recovery and diſtribution of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which ſhall have been incurred before the commencement of the operation of this act.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the ſhores and waters of the town of Natchez, ſhall be one diſtrict, to be called the diſtrict of Natchez; and a collector ſhall be appointed, who ſhall reſide at Natchez, which ſhall be the only port of entry or delivery within the ſaid diſtrict of any goods, wares, and merchandiſe, not the growth or manufacture of the United States: *Provided nevertheless,* That it ſhall be the duty of every maſter or commander of any ſhip or veſſel deſtined for the ſaid port of Natchez, to ſtop at New-Orleans, and there deliver to the collector of the ſaid port a manifeſt of the cargo on board ſuch ſhip or veſſel, agreeably to law, on penalty of five thouſand dollars. And it ſhall be the duty of ſaid collector to tranſmit a certified copy of ſuch manifeſt to the collector of the ſaid port of Natchez, and to direct an inſpector to go on board ſuch ſhip or veſſel and proceed therewith to the port of Natchez, and there report ſuch ſhip or veſſel to the collector of ſaid port of Natchez, immediately after his arrival, when the duty of ſaid inſpector ſhall ceaſe.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That foreign ſhips or veſſels ſhall be admitted to unlade at the port of New-Orleans, and at no other port within the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi; and ſhips or veſſels belonging to citizens of the United States, coming directly from France or Spain, or any of their colonies, ſhall not be admitted to unlade at any port within the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi other than New-Orleans; and ſhips or veſſels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or from any place beyond the ſame, ſhall be admitted to make entry at the port of New-Orleans, and at no other port within the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi: *Provided however,* That nothing in this act contained, ſhall authoriſe the allowing of drawbacks on the exportation of any goods, wares, and merchandiſe from the ſaid port of New-Orleans, other than on thoſe which ſhall have been imported directly into the ſame, from a foreign port or place.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the maſter or commander of every ſhip or veſſel, bound to a port of delivery only, other than the port of Bayou St. John, in the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi, ſhall firſt come to at the port of New-Orleans with his ſhip or veſſel, and there make report and entry, in writing, and pay, or ſecure to be paid, all legal duties, port fees, and charges, in manner provided by law, before ſuch ſhip or veſſel ſhall proceed to her port of delivery; and any ſhip or veſſel, bound to the port of Bayou St. John, may firſt proceed to the ſaid port, and afterwards make report and entry at the port of New-Orleans, within the time by law limited; and the maſter of every ſhip or veſſel, arriving from a foreign port or place, or having goods on board of which the duties have not been paid or ſecured, and bound to any port within the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi, (other than New-Orleans, or Bayou St. John) ſhall take an inſpector on board, at New Orleans, before proceeding to ſuch port; and if any maſter of a ſhip or veſſel, ſhall proceed to ſuch port of delivery, contrary to the directions aforeſaid, he ſhall forfeit and pay five hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent juriſdiction, with the coſts of ſuit.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That during the term of twelve years, to commence three months after the exchange of the ratifications of the above mentioned treaty ſhall have been notified, at Paris, to the French government, French ſhips, or veſſels, coming directly from France, or any of her colonies, laden only with the produce or manufactures of France, or any of her ſaid colonies: and Spaniſh ſhips or veſſels, coming directly from Spain, or any of her colonies, laden only with the produce or manufactures of Spain, or any of her ſaid colonies, ſhall be admitted into the port of New-Orleans, and into all other ports of entry which may hereafter be eſtabliſhed by law, within the territories ceded to the United States by the above mentioned treaty, in the ſame manner as ſhips or veſſels of the United States, coming directly from France or Spain, or any of their colonies, and without being ſubject to any other, or higher duty on the ſaid produce or manufacture, than by law now is, or ſhall, at the time, be payable, by citizens of the United States on ſimilar articles, imported from France or Spain, or any of their colonies, in veſſels of the United States, into the ſaid port of New-Orleans, or other ports of entry in the territories above mentioned; or to any other, or higher tonnage duty, than by law now is, or ſhall at the time be laid on the tonnage of veſſels of the United States coming from France, or Spain, or from any of their colonies, to the ſaid port of New-Orleans, or other ports of entry within the territories above mentioned.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the collector of the diſtrict of Miſſiſſippi ſhall give bond for the true and faithful diſcharge of his duties, in the ſum of fifteen thouſand dollars, and ſhall be allowed in addition to the fees and emoluments of his office, in lieu of all other commiſſions, one and a half per cent. on all monies by him received, on account of the duties ariſing from goods, wares and merchandiſe imported into the ſaid diſtrict, and on the tonnage of ſhips and veſſels; and the naval officers and ſurveyors of the ſaid diſtrict ſhall, reſpectively, receive an annual compenſation of two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to their other fees and emoluments.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the Preſident of the United States be, and he hereby is authoriſed, to cauſe to be built and equipped one revenue cutter, in addition to thoſe heretofore authoriſed by law, which cutter may be officered, manned and employed, in the ſame manner, and the expence thereof ſhall be paid out of the ſame fund, as is provided for defraying the expenſe of the revenue cutters heretofore authoriſed by law.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That the Preſident of the United States be, and he hereby is authoriſed, whenever he ſhall deem it expedient, to erect the ſhores, waters and inlets of the bay and river Mobille, and of the other rivers, creeks, inlets, and bays emptying into the gulf of Mexico, eaſt of the ſaid river Mobille, and weſt thereof to the Paſcagoula incluſive, into a ſeparate diſtrict, and to eſtabliſh ſuch place within the ſame, as he ſhall deem expedient, to be the port of entry and delivery for ſuch diſtrict; and to deſignate ſuch other places, within the ſame diſtrict, not exceeding two, to be ports of delivery only. Whenever ſuch ſeparate diſtrict ſhall be erected, a collector ſhall be appointed, to reſide at the port of entry; and a ſurveyor ſhall likewiſe be appointed, to reſide at each of the ports of delivery; which may be eſtabliſhed, and ſuch collector and ſurveyor ſhall be entitled to receive, in addition to their other fees and emoluments, an annual ſalary of two hundred and fifty dollars. And the ſaid collector ſhall give bond for the faithful diſcharge of the duties of his office in the ſum of five thouſand dollars.

Sect. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That this act ſhall commence thirty days after the paſſing thereof.

NATHL. MACON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN BROWN,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 24th, 1804.
Approved,
TH. JEFFERSON.

AN ACT

To amend the charter of Alexandria.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the town of Alexandria ſhall be, and is hereby divided into two diſtricts, by a line running eaſt and weſt, at an equal diſtance between King and Prince ſtreets, beginning at the river Potowmac and extending to the weſtern boundary of ſaid town, and all that part of the town which is ſituate north of the ſaid dividing line, ſhall be called the northern diſtrict, and all that part of the town which is ſituate ſouth of the ſaid dividing line, ſhall be called the ſouthern diſtrict of the town of Alexandria, and where any houſe or lot ſhall be ſituate partly in each diſtrict, it ſhall be conſidered as lying in that diſtrict where the greater part of ſaid houſe or lot is ſituate and ſhall be aſſeſſed accordingly, each of the diſtricts aforeſaid ſhall be divided into two electoral wards, by a line paſſing from north to ſouth through the middle of Pitt ſtreet, to be called the firſt, ſecond, third and fourth ward, none of the taxes on the valuation of real property, which ſhall hereafter be collected in the northern diſtrict, ſhall be expended in the regulating, or filling up, or paving, or repairing of the ſtreets, or ſinking of wells, or building of bridges in the ſouthern diſtrict, nor ſhall the taxes on the valuation of real property, which ſhall hereafter be collected in the ſouthern diſtrict, be expended in the regulating, or filling up, or paving, or repairing the ſtreets, or ſinking of wells, or building of bridges in the northern diſtrict. But all the monies to be expended upon the aforeſaid improvements in either diſtrict, ſhall be raiſed by an aſſeſſment on the valuation of real property in each diſtrict reſpectively, at the times and in the manner the ſaid common council ſhall order and direct. It ſhall be the duty of the aſſeſſors and other public officers to keep the accompts of each diſtrict ſeparate and diſtinct in regard to the aſſeſſments for the aforeſaid local purpoſes, and all other taxes, which are now or ſhall hereafter be aſſeſſed or levied, upon the valuation of real property or other ſubjects, together with the fines and alſo the rents, iſſuing from the property belonging to the corporation and all their other reſources, ſhall conſtitute a general fund, to be appropriated as the common council ſhall direct.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That every free white male citizen of full age, who ſhall be bona fide ſeized of a freehold eſtate in the town of Alexandria, or who ſhall have reſided in the town aforeſaid for the ſpace of one year, and have been a houſe-keeper therein for the ſpace of three months next preceding the day of the election, and who ſhall