
30th NOVEMBER, 1803.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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Giving effect to the laws of the United States, 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.

1 **Be it enacted**, by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,
3 That all the laws of the United States heretofore enacted, not
4 locally inapplicable, and now in force, and all the laws of the
5 United States, which may hereafter be enacted, shall have the like
6 force and effect in the territories ceded to the United States, by
7 the treaty of the thirtieth day of April last, between the United
8 States and the French Republic, which they have, or may have,
6 in the United States, unless otherwise specially provided for.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any law,
 2 or laws, laying any duties on the importation into the United
 3 States of goods, wares, and merchandise from the said territories,
 4 (or allowing drawbacks on the importation of the same from the
 5 United States to the said territories,) or respecting the commercial
 6 intercourse between the United States and the said territories, or
 7 between the several parts of the United States through the said
 8 territories, which is inconsistent with the provisions of the pre-
 9 ceding section, be, and the same hereby is repealed: and all du-
 10 ties on the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandise from the
 11 said territories, as well as all duties on the importation of goods,
 12 wares, and merchandise into the said territories, on the transfer of
 13 ships or vessels, and on the tonnage of vessels, other than those
 14 laid by virtue of the laws of the United States, shall, from the time
 15 when this act shall commence to be in force, cease and determine:
 16 *Provided however*, That nothing herein contained shall be con-
 17 strued to affect, or repeal, the fees and other charges usually paid
 18 in the said territories on account of pilotage, wharfage, or the
 19 right of anchoring by the levy of the city of New-Orleans, which
 20 several fees and charges shall, until otherwise directed, continue
 21 to be paid and applied to the same purposes as heretofore.

1 SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, to the end that the
 2 laws providing for the collection of the duties imposed, by law,
 3 on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United
 4 States, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and the laws ref-

5 peeting the revenue and navigation of the United States may be
 6 carried into effect, within the said territories, the territories ceded
 7 to the United States, by the treaty above mentioned, and also all
 8 the navigable waters of the river Mobile, and of all the other
 9 rivers, creeks, bays, and inlets, lying within the United States,
 10 which empty into the gulf of Mexico, east of the river Mississippi,
 11 shall be annexed to the Mississippi district, and shall, together with
 12 the same, constitute one district, to be called the " District of Mis-
 13 " sissippi." The city of New-Orleans shall be the sole port of
 14 entry in the said district, and the town of Natchez and Bayon St.
 15 John shall be ports of delivery only, a collector, naval officer, and
 16 surveyor shall be appointed to reside at New Orleans, and a sur-
 17 veyor shall be appointed to reside at each of the ports of Natchez
 18 and Bayon St. John; and the President of the United States is
 19 hereby authorized to appoint, not exceeding three surveyors, to
 20 reside at such other places, within the said district, as he shall
 21 deem expedient, and to constitute each, or either of such places
 22 ports of delivery only. And so much of any law or laws, as
 23 establishes a district on the river Mississippi, south of the river
 24 Tennessee, is hereby repealed, except as to the recovery and
 25 receipt of such duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, and on
 26 the tonnage of ships or vessels, as shall have accrued, and as to
 27 the recovery and distribution of fines, penalties, and forfeitures,
 28 which shall have been incurred before, and when this act shall
 29 commence to be in force.

1 SECT. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That ships or vessels of
 2 the United States, coming directly from France, or Spain, or any of
 3 their colonies, and foreign ships or vessels coming from any fo-
 4 reign port whatever, shall be admitted to unlade; and ships or ves-
 5 sels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or from any place
 6 beyond the same, shall be admitted to make entry at the port of
 7 New-Orleans, and at no other port within the district of Missis-
 8 sippi: *Provided however,* That nothing in this act contained,
 9 shall authorise the allowing of drawbacks on the exportation of
 10 any goods, wares, and merchandise from the said port of New-
 11 Orleans, other than on those which shall have been imported
 12 directly into the same, from a foreign port or place.

1 SECT. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the master or com-
 2 mander of every ship or vessel, bound to a port of delivery only,
 3 other than the port of Bayon St. John, in the district of Mississippi,
 4 shall first come to at the port of New-Orleans with his ship or
 5 vessel, and there make report and entry, in writing, and pay, or
 6 secure to be paid, all legal duties, port fees, and charges, in man-
 7 ner provided by law, before such ship or vessel shall proceed to
 8 her port of delivery; and any ship or vessel, bound to the port
 9 of Bayon St. John, may first proceed to the said port, and after-
 10 wards make report and entry at the port of New-Orleans, within
 11 the time by law limited; and the master of every ship or vessel,
 12 arriving from a foreign port or place, or having goods on board
 13 of which the duties have not been paid or secured, and bound to

14 any port within the district of Mississippi, (other than New-Or-
 15 leans, or Bayou St. John) shall take an inspector on board, at New-
 16 Orleans, before proceeding to such port ; and if any master of
 17 a ship, or vessel, shall proceed to such port of delivery, contrary to
 18 the directions aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay five hundred dol-
 19 lars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction, with
 20 the costs of suit.

1 SECT. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That during the term of
 2 twelve years, to commence three months after the exchange of
 3 the ratifications of the above mentioned treaty shall have been no-
 4 tified, at Paris, to the French government, French ships, or ves-
 5 sels, coming directly from France, or any of her colonies, laden
 6 only with the produce or manufactures of France, or any of her
 7 said colonies ; and Spanish ships or vessels, coming directly from
 8 Spain, or any of her colonies, laden only with the produce or ma-
 9 nufactures of Spain, or any of her said colonies, shall be admitted
 10 into the port of New-Orleans, and into all other ports of entry which
 11 may hereafter be established by law, within the territories ceded to
 12 the United States by the above mentioned treaty, in the same man-
 13 ner as ships or vessels of the United States, coming directly from
 14 France or Spain, or any of their colonies, and without being sub-
 15 ject to any other, or higher duty on the said produce or manu-
 16 facture, than by law now is, or shall, at the time, be payable, by
 17 citizens of the United States on similar articles, imported from
 18 France or Spain, or any of their colonies, in vessels of the United
 19 States, into the said port of New-Orleans, or other ports of entry

20 in the territories above mentioned ; or to any other, or higher
 21 tonnage duty, than by law now is, or shall at the time be, laid on
 22 the tonnage of vessels of the United States coming from France,
 23 or Spain, or from any of their colonies, to the said port of New-
 24 Orleans, or other ports of entry within the territories above men-
 25 tioned.

1 SECT. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the collector of the
 2 district of Mississippi shall give bond for the true and faithful dis-
 3 charge of his duties, in the sum of dollars, and shall be
 4 allowed in addition to the fees and emoluments of his office, other
 5 than per centage, one and a half per cent. on all monies by him
 6 received, on account of the duties arising from goods, wares and
 7 merchandise imported into the said district, and on the tonnage
 8 of ships and vessels : *Provided*, That the whole annual compen-
 9 sation of such collector shall not exceed 5,000 dollars ; and the
 10 naval officers and surveyors of the said district shall, respectively,
 11 receive an annual compensation of dollars, in addition to
 12 their other fees and emoluments.

1 SECT. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the
 2 the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, to cause to
 3 be built and equipped one revenue cutter, in addition to those
 4 heretofore authorized by law, which cutter may be officered, man-
 5 ned and employed, in the same manner, and the expense thereof
 6 shall be paid out of the same fund, as is provided for defraying the
 7 expense of the revenue cutters heretofore authorized by law.

1 SECT. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the
 2 United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, whenever he shall
 3 deem it expedient, to erect the shores, waters, and inlets of the
 4 bay and river Mobile, and of the other rivers, creeks, inlets, and
 5 bays emptying into the gulf of Mexico, east of the said river Mo-
 6 bile, into a separate district, and to establish such place within the
 7 same, as he shall deem expedient, to be the port of entry and de-
 8 livery for such district ; and to designate such other places, within
 9 the same district, not exceeding two, to be ports of delivery only.
 10 Whenever such separate district shall be erected, a collector shall
 11 be appointed, to reside at the port of entry ; and a surveyor shall
 12 likewise be appointed, to reside at each of the ports of delivery
 13 which may be established. And such collector and surveyor
 14 shall be entitled to receive, in addition to their other fees and
 15 emoluments, an annual salary of dollars. And the said
 16 collector shall give bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of
 17 his office in the sum of dollars.

1 SECT. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the
 2 day of next, so much of any law, as establishes the feve-
 3 ral districts of Kentucky, Massac, Ohio, and Marietta, be, and the
 4 same hereby is, repealed, except as to the recovery and receipt of
 5 such duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, and on the tonnage
 6 of ships or vessels, as shall have accrued, and as to the recovery
 7 and distribution of fines, penalties, and forfeitures which shall
 8 have been incurred, on or before the said day : *Provided however,*

9 that this section shall not operate, until after this act shall have
10 commenced to be in force.

1 SECT. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That the oath or affirma-
2 tion, directed by the fourth section of the act concerning the regis-
3 tering and recording of ships or vessels, to be taken and subscribed
4 by the owner, or one of the owners, of any ship or vessel, in order
5 to obtain the registry or enrollment thereof, may, in the case of
6 ships or vessels, not yet registered, nor enrolled, and built at any
7 place within the United States, on the Mississippi, or any of the
8 waters emptying thereinto, more than fifty miles distant from the
9 port of entry of the district of Mississippi, be taken before the col-
10 lector of another district, or before a judge of the supreme court,
11 or of a district court of the United States, or a judge of a superior
12 court of original jurisdiction of some one of the states, or territo-
13 ries, of the United States.

1 SECT. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall have
2 force and effect, from the time when possession of New-Orleans
3 shall have been obtained by the United States.