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BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT to abolish the Internal Duties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the internal duties on licenses to distillers; on refined sugars; licenses to retailers; sales at auction; carriages for the conveyance of persons; and stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, shall be discontinued; and all acts, and parts of acts, relative thereto, shall, from and after the said thirty-first day of December, be repealed: *Provided*, That, for the collection, recovery, remission, and receipt, of such duties as shall have accrued, and on the day aforesaid remain outstanding, and for the payment of drawbacks or allowances on the exportation of any of the said spirits or sugars entitled thereto, provided the exportation be effected previous to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and for the recovery and distribution of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, and the remission thereof, which shall have been incurred before and on the said thirty-first day of December, the provisions of the aforesaid acts shall remain in full force and virtue.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the offices of the collectors of the internal duties and direct tax shall continue in each collection district, respectively, until the collection of the duties abovementioned, and of the direct tax, shall have been completed in such district, and no longer, unless sooner discontinued by the President of the United States, who shall be, and hereby is, empowered, whenever the collection of the said duties and tax shall have been so far completed in any district as to render, in his opinion, the measure expedient, to discontinue any of the said collectors, and to unite, into one collection district, any two or more collection districts, lying and being in the same state; in which case, the collectors thereafter employed in the collection of the said duties and tax in such state or district, shall be appointed and removable by the President alone; and for the promoting of the collection of any of the abovementioned duties or tax, which may be outstanding after the said thirty-first day of December, the President of the United States shall be, and he hereby is, empowered, at any time thereafter, to make such allowance as he may think proper, in addition to the commissions now allowed by law to any of the collectors of the said duties and tax, and the same, from time to time to vary: *Provided*, That the whole of such additional allowances shall not, in the aggregate, exceed five per centum of the amount of the duties and tax paid into the Treasury after that day; and that the extraordinary allowances authorized by the second and fourth sections of the act, passed March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to fix the compensation, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof," shall, after the said thirty-first day of December, cease; and the office of commissioner of the revenue shall cease, and be discontinued, whenever the collection of the duties and tax abovementioned shall be completed, unless sooner discontinued by the President of the United States, who shall be, and hereby is, empowered, whenever the collection of the said duties and tax shall have been so far completed as, in his opinion, to render that measure expedient, to discontinue the said office; in which case, the immediate superintendence of the collection of such parts of the said duties and taxes as may then remain outstanding, shall be placed in such officer of the Treasury Department as the Secretary, for the time being, may designate: *Provided, however*, That all bonds, notes, or other instruments, which have been charged with the pay-

ment of a duty, and which shall, at any time prior to the said thirty-first day of December, have been written or printed upon vellum, parchment, or paper, not stamped or marked according to law, or upon vellum, parchment, or paper, stamped or marked at a lower rate of duty than is by law required for such bond, note, or other instrument, may be presented to any collector of the internal revenue, or collector of the customs within the state, and, where there [is] no such collector, to the marshal of the district, whose duty it shall be, upon the payment of the duty with which such instrument was chargeable, together with the additional sum of ten dollars; for which duty and additional sum, the said collector or marshal shall be accountable to the Treasury of the United States; to endorse upon some part of said instrument his receipt for the same; and thereupon the said bond, note, or other instrument, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid and available to the person holding the same, as if it had been or were stamped, or marked, as by law required; any thing in any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons who shall obtain, or who shall have obtained, licenses for stills or boilers, or for selling by retail, or certificates for carriages, extending beyond the said thirty-first day of December, shall be allowed a deduction from the duties paid or secured by them, proportionate to the part of their term which may remain unexpired on the said thirty-first day of December; and the several banks or bankers which may have agreed to make the annual composition of one and a half per centum on their dividends, in lieu of the stamp duty on the notes issued by them, shall pay only at the rate of one and a half per centum per annum on such dividends for the portion of the year that shall remain from the time of the last annual payment to the said thirty-first day of December, to be estimated upon the dividend or dividends that have been or shall be declared and made by such bank or bankers, respectively, within a year from the time of such last annual payment; and in all cases in which payments shall have been made, or duties secured, for a term extending beyond the said thirty-first day of December, on account of any certificates for the use of a carriage, or license to distil or retail, so much of the sums so paid or secured, as shall be proportionate to the part of the term which may remain unexpired, shall be refunded or remitted: *Provided*, That all duties on sales at auction effected, and on refined sugar removed, previously to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, shall be paid in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons who shall, on or after the said thirty-first day of December, have any blank vellum, parchment, or paper, which has been stamped, and on which a duty has been paid to the use of the government, shall be entitled to receive, from the collector of the district to whom it may be delivered, or from such other revenue officer in the respective states or districts as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, the value of the said stamps, after deducting, in all cases, seven and a half per centum; and the said officers are hereby authorized to pay the same: *Provided*, The said blank vellum, parchment, or paper, be presented within four months after the said thirty-first day of December.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That on all sums that may be refunded in virtue of this act, as well as all sums received after the thirty-first day of December aforesaid, and before notice of this act, the collectors shall be allowed a commission of six per centum, to be charged by them in settling their accounts with the Treasury Department.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in case a collector shall not have in his hands a sufficient sum out of which to refund the sums authorized to be refunded by this act, or to defray the expenses incident to the collection of the outstanding duties or direct tax, such repayments and expenses shall be made and defrayed out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if, on the settlement of the accounts of any collector relative to the direct tax and internal duties, balances shall be found due to and from him on the different accounts, they may be adjusted, so as to ascertain the final balances; and if this be in favor of the collector, it shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act, passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to fix the compensation and increase the responsibility of the collectors of the direct

tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof," shall cease after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore
December 3, 1817.—Approved,
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT to remit the duty on a Painting presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the duty secured to the United States on a painting lately presented by Benjamin West, president of the royal academy, London, to the Pennsylvania hospital, be, and the same is hereby, remitted.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
January 14, 1818.—Approved,
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT for the relief of Samuel Aikman.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the register and receiver of public moneys of the land office for the district of Vincennes, on satisfactory evidence being produced to them that James Aikman, who entered at the said office the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, in township two north, and range seven west, had made application for the purchase of the said quarter section through mistake, intending at that time to have applied for the northwest quarter section thirty-five, in the same township and range, and that the occasion of the mistake in his application was the erroneous numbers marked at the corner of the aforesaid section on surveying the said lands, shall permit Samuel Aikman, the assignee of James Aikman, to withdraw the aforesaid entry, and, in lieu thereof, to enter the last mentioned quarter section, if the same shall at that time remain unsold; and the receiver of public moneys shall allow the said Samuel Aikman a credit on the said entry, or, in case of the previous sale of the land, on any other entry which he shall make of land within the said district, equal in amount to the moneys paid on the first mentioned quarter section: *Provided*, That no credit for the moneys paid as aforesaid shall be allowed, until the said Samuel Aikman shall have returned the patent to him granted for the first mentioned quarter section to the said register, who shall transmit it to the general land office, where the same shall be cancelled.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
January 14, 1818.—Approved,
JAMES MONROE.

NOTICE.

The employment of an Agent or Attorney is not necessary in any claim against the government. It is most generally attended with expense, and sometimes with actual loss.

Claims will be promptly settled, when the accounts and vouchers with which they are connected, are transmitted to the proper office.

Money will be transmitted, whenever a receipt for the sum due, or where the amount is not ascertained, a receipt in blank, shall be forwarded to the Treasury Department.

Military patents, and certificates of military pensions, will be transmitted in like manner, whenever the necessary vouchers are forwarded to the proper office.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS,
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
J. C. CALHOUN,
B. W. CROWNSHIELD.
Washington City, May 27, 1818.—3m

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE U. STATES.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress, passed on the 26th of March 1804, entitled "An Act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," and an Act passed the 3d of March 1805, entitled, "An Act supplementary to the act, entitled, an act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indiana Territory," and an act passed on the 25th of April 1808, entitled, "An Act supplemental to an act regulating the grants of lands in the Territory of Michigan," the President of the United States is authorized to cause the lands in the land district of Detroit to be offered for sale when surveyed; and whereas a part of the said lands have been surveyed:

Therefore I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States, in conformity with the said acts, do hereby declare & make known, that public sales for the disposal (agreeably to law) of the said lands, shall be held at Detroit, in Michigan Territory, viz:

On the first Monday in July next, for the lands contained in ranges 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, south of the base line; on the first Monday of September next for the lands contained in ranges 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, north of the base line; and on the first Monday in November next, for the lands contained in ranges 9, 10, 11, and 12, north of the base line, excepting such lands as are, or may be reserved in said district, by law, for the support of Schools, and for other purposes. The sales shall continue open for two weeks and no longer, and shall commence with the first section of the lowest number of townships and ranges, and proceed in regular numerical order.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

JAMES MONROE,
By the President,
JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.

* * * Printers of newspapers, who are authorized to publish the laws of the United States, will insert the above once a week till October next and send their bills to the General Land Office for payment.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE U. STATES.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress passed on the 3d March 1815, entitled "An act to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians and for other purposes, the President of the United States is authorized to cause the lands acquired by the said treaty to be offered for sale when surveyed; and whereas part of the said lands have been surveyed:

Therefore I, James Monroe, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that public sales for the disposal of certain lands south of the Tennessee river and in the district of Madison county, shall be held at Huntsville in said county in Alabama territory, viz:

On the first Monday in July next, for the sale of the lands in ranges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. On the first Monday in September next for the lands in ranges 6, 7, 8, 9, and on the first Monday in November next for the lands in ranges 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; excepting such lands as are or shall be reserved according to law, for the support of schools and for other purposes. Each sale shall continue open for two weeks, and no longer, shall commence with the section, township and range of the lowest number, and proceed in regular numerical order.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this 31st day of March, 1818.

JAMES MONROE,
By the President,
JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of the Gen'l. Land Office.
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE U. STATES.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress, passed on the 3d of March, 1817, entitled "An act to authorise the appointment of a Surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described," the President of the U. States is authorized to select certain lands, for sites for towns, and cause the said lands to be laid off into town lots, and the said lots to be offered for sale—

Therefore, I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that public sales for the disposal of the lots in the town of Marathon, (heretofore called Milton's Bluff) on the south bank of the river Tennessee, (near the head of the Muscle Shoals) in Alabama Territory, shall be held at Huntsville, in the said territory, on the second Monday in October next.

The sales shall continue open for one week, and longer if necessary, & the lots shall be offered for sale in regular numerical order, beginning with the lowest number,

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, this 26th day of May 1818.

JAMES MONROE,
By the President,
JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner General Land Office
June 6.—12-t-1-o

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE U. STATES.

WHEREAS, by an act of Congress, passed on the 3d of March, 1815, entitled, "an act to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes," the President of the United States is authorized to cause the lands acquired by the said treaty to be offered for sale when surveyed:

Therefore I, JAMES MONROE, President of the United States, do hereby declare and make known, that public sales for the disposal (agreeably to law) of certain lands in the Alabama territory, shall be held at Milledgeville in Georgia viz: On the third Monday in October next for the sale of town lots, in the town of Cahaba, in the said territory situate at the junction of the rivers Alabama and Cahaba.

On the third Monday in October next, for the sale of townships 13, 14, 15, 16, in ranges, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15; and of townships 14, 15, 16, in ranges 14 and 16 of the land district in Alabama territory, directed by law to be sold at Milledgeville, excepting such lands as have been reserved by law for the support of schools, or for other purposes; each public sale shall continue open for two weeks, and no longer. The town lots, and other lands, shall be offered for sale in regular numerical order, commencing with the lowest number of lots, sections, townships and ranges.

And I further declare and make known, that the offices of the register and receiver of public monies for the said district, shall be removed from Milledgeville to the aforesaid town of Cahaba, on the first day of January, 1819.

Given under my hand at the City of Washington, this twenty third day of May, 1818.

JAMES MONROE,
By the President:
JOSIAH MEIGS,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
June 6.—12-t-1-o.

DEVEREUX & CHESTER, HAVE

JUST received per the schooner Rufus King, and offer for sale on liberal terms.

18 Puncheons W. I. Rum,
28 do. Molasses,
2 bbls. do.
7 hhd. Muscovado Sugar
24 bbls & 2 half bbls. do.
Newbern July 23d 1818—19,tf.