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AN ACT for the relief of Elkanah Finney, and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Collector for the district of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Elkanah Finney and others, owners of a fishing vessel called the Juno, of forty-five seventy-three ninety-fifths tons, and the legal representatives of the persons composing the late crew of said vessel, the amount of the allowance to which the said vessel would have been entitled had she returned into port, after completing the term required by law; to be distributed in the manner prescribed by the fifth section of the act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickle fish exported and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries," passed on the twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

[Approved—May 7, 1820.]

AN ACT to authorize the erection of a Lighthouse on one of the Isles of Shoals, near Portsmouth, in New-Hampshire, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as soon as the jurisdiction of such one of the Isles of Shoals, in the State of New-Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, or in the State of Maine, as the President of the United States shall select for the site of a lighthouse, shall be ceded to, and the property thereof vested in, the United States, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to provide, by contract, which shall be approved by the President, for building a lighthouse on such island, to be so lighted as to be distinguishable from other lighthouses on the east and west of the same; and, also, to agree for the salaries, wages, or hire, of the person or persons to be appointed by the President for the superintendance of the same.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the purpose of building such lighthouse, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to provide, by contract, for building lighthouses, erecting piers, beacons, or land marks, and building and placing light vessels or boats, and buoys, on the following sites or shoals, to wit: A pier at the mouth of Kennebunk river, in the State of Maine; two lighthouses, one on Tenpound Island, at the entrance into Gloucester harbor, and the other on Baker's Island, near Salem, in the state of Massachusetts; a lighthouse at a proper site near the mouth of Genessee river, in the state of New-York; a buoy on southwest ledge, and another on Adams' Fall, in or near the harbor of New-Haven, in the state of Connecticut: A light vessel at the end of Smith's Point Shoals, in the Chesapeake bay, in the state of Virginia: A lighthouse on Shell Castle Island, in the state of North-Carolina: or, in lieu thereof, a light vessel, to be moored in a proper place, near the said Island, if in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, the latter shall be preferred: a beacon and two

buoys on proper sites in the channel leading to the harbor of Charleston, in the state of South-Carolina: A lighthouse on a proper site in Mobile Bay, in the state of Alabama, or, in lieu thereof, a light vessel in the said bay; if the same shall be preferred: A light vessel, should he same be deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Treasury, at the mouth of the Mississippi, in the state of Louisiana.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That there be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the following sums of money, to accomplish the objects specified in this act, to wit: for erecting a pier at the mouth of Kennebunk river, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars; for placing a bell near the lighthouse on West Quoddy Head, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars; for erecting two lighthouses one on Tenpound Island, and the other on Baker's Island, and placing three buoys on the rocks and flats near Salem, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars; for defraying the expense of lighting the lighthouse on the south side of the harbor of Nantucket, and superintending the same, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars; for a lighthouse near the mouth of Genessee river, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars: for placing two buoys, one on Southwest Ledge, and the other on Adams' Fall, in or near the harbor of New-Haven, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars: for a light vessel, and placing the same at the end of Smith's Point Shoals, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars: for a lighthouse on Shell Castle Island, or a light vessel, if preferred, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars: for a beacon and two buoys on proper sites in or near to the channel leading to Charleston harbor, a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars: for a lighthouse, or light vessel, for Mobile Bay, a sum not exceeding nine thousand dollars: for a lighthouse at the mouth of the Mississippi, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, if he shall deem it expedient, and proper to build the lighthouse directed to be built on Sparrow's Point, in the State of Maryland, on North Point in said State; and also to substitute a light vessel for the lighthouse directed to be built, on Crane Island, at the mouth of Elizabeth river, in the State of Virginia.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That, to complete the lighthouses and light vessels heretofore directed to be built, there be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to wit: for the lighthouses in the State of Maryland, a sum not exceeding six thousand six hundred dollars: for the lighthouse directed to be built between the mouth of Grand River, in the State of Ohio, and the mouth of Detroit River, in the Territory of Michigan, five thousand dollars: and for the lighthouses or light vessels for the State of Virginia, a sum not exceeding six thousand six hundred dollars.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That no lighthouse, beacon, nor landmark, shall be built or erected on any site previous to the cession of jurisdiction over the same being made to the United States.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT to continue in force "An act to protect the Commerce of the United States and punish the Crime of Piracy," and also to make further Provision for punishing the Crime of Piracy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first, second, third, and fourth sections of an act, entitled "An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy," passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, be, and the same

are hereby, continued in force, from the passing of this act, for the term of two years, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the fifth section of the said act be, and the same are hereby, continued in force, as to all crimes made punishable by the same, and heretofore committed in all respects, as fully as if the duration of the said section had been without limitation.

*Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That, if any person shall, upon the high seas, or in any open roadstead, or in any haven, basin, or bay, or in any river where the sea ebbs and flows, commit the crime of robbery, upon any ship or vessel, or upon any of the ship's company of any ship or vessel, or the lading thereof, such person shall be adjudged to be a pirate; and, being thereof convicted, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the district into which he shall be brought or in which he shall be found, shall suffer death. And if any person engaged in any piratical cruise or enterprise, or being of the ship's company of any piratical ship or vessel, shall land from such ship or vessel, and, on shore, shall commit robbery, such person shall be adjudged a pirate; and, on conviction thereof, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the district into which he shall be brought, or in which he shall be found, shall suffer death; *Provided*, That nothing in this section contained shall be construed to deprive any particular state of its jurisdiction over such offences, when committed within a body of a county, or authorize the courts of the United States to try any such offenders, after conviction or acquittance for the same offence in the State Court.*

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any citizen of the United States, being of the crew or ship's company of any foreign ship or vessel engaged in the slave trade, or any person whatever, being of the crew or ship's company of any ship or vessel, owned in the whole or part, or navigated for, or in behalf of any citizen or citizens of the United States, shall land, from any such ship or vessel, and, on any foreign shore, seize any negro or mulatto, not held to service or labor by the laws of either of the states or territories of the United States, with the intent to make such negro or mulatto a slave, or shall decoy, or forcibly bring or carry, or shall receive, such negro or mulatto on board any such ship or vessel, with intent as aforesaid, such citizen or person shall be adjudged a pirate; and, on conviction thereof, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the district wherein he may be brought or found, shall suffer death.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That if any citizen of the United States, being of the crew of the ship's company of any foreign ship or vessel engaged in the slave trade, or any person whatever, being of the crew of the ship's company, owned wholly or in part, or navigated for, or in behalf of, any citizen or citizens of the United States, shall forcibly confine or detain, or aid and abet in forcibly confining or detaining, on board such ship or vessel, any negro or mulatto not held to service by the laws of either of the states or territories of the United States, with intent to make such negro or mulatto a slave, or shall, on board any such ship or vessel, offer or attempt to sell, as a slave, any negro or mulatto not held to service as aforesaid with intent to make such negro or mulatto a slave, or shall land, or deliver on shore, from on board any such ship or vessel, any such negro or mulatto, with intent to make sale of, or having previously sold, such negro or mulatto, as a slave, such citizen or person shall be adjudged a pirate; and, on conviction thereof, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the district wherein he shall be brought or found, shall suffer death.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT authorizing the Secretary of State to issue Letters Patent to Henry Burdin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue Letters Patent to Henry Burdia, for his improvement in the construction of a plough, upon his complying with the directions of the act, entitled "An act to promote the progress of the useful arts, and to repeal the act heretofore made for that purpose," and an act, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees," except so far as the said acts, or any part or parts, of them, require a residence of two years within the United States, in like manner, in all respects, as if the said Henry Burdin had resided two years within the United States.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT for the relief of Richard S. Hackley.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Richard S. Hackley, or to his agent or attorney, duly authorized, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars and seventy-four cents; being the amount of expenses incurred and paid by him, in and about the detention of the ship Vigilant, seized by him at Cadiz, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, under the orders of George W. Erving, Esquire, then Minister of the United States, in Spain.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT for the relief of Ambrose Vasse.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Ambrose Vasse, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, the sum of thirteen thousand three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and sixty-three cents; being the sum awarded to be paid him for the cargo of the ship Olive Branch, by the Board of Commissioners, under the seventh article of the treaty of the twentieth of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, between the United States and Great Britain: *Provided*, There is as much money remaining of the fund which, by law, was appropriated for the payment of the awards under the said seventh article of the said treaty; or to pay such part thereof, as the fund aforesaid, remaining in the Treasury, will enable.*

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT for the relief of persons holding confirmed unlocated claims for Lands in the State of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons lawfully holding confirmed unlocated claims for land within the tract reserved by the third section of the act, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois Territory, and providing for their location," passed the sixteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be allowed until the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, to register, the same: and the said claims shall be receivable in payment for public lands within the said reserved tract, conformably with the provisions of the said act, and the act, entitled "An making further provisions for settling claims to land in the Territory of Illinois," passed the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, at any

time before the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT in addition to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty," 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 following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, that is to say:

For compensation granted by law to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, in addition to the appropriation heretofore made for that object, twenty-three thousand three hundred and forty dollars.

For rebuilding the public wharf, and repairing the public warehouse, on Staten Island, fifteen thousand dollars.

For graduating the Capitol Square, putting the grounds in order, and planting trees within the same, two thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the several appropriations hereinbefore made, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the arrearages of the Department of War, from the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, be paid out of the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars already appropriated for arrearages prior to the first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen; any thing in the act, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," passed the first of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT to provide for the building an addition to the Custom House now erecting in the city of New-Orleans, for the use of the District Court of the United States for the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury, cause to be built an addition to the custom house now erecting in the City of New-Orleans, which shall contain rooms suitable for the use of the District Court of the United States for the State of Louisiana; and that so much of the appropriation for the erection of custom-houses, and public warehouses, as shall be sufficient for that purpose, be, and the same are hereby declared to be, applicable for that object.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That, as soon as the said building shall be completed, the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be authorized and required to cause to be sold, at public sale, upon such terms, and in such manner, as he shall judge to be expedient, the house and lot in which the District Court is now held, and to cause the amount for which they shall be sold to be paid into the Treasury of the United States.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]

AN ACT to amend an act "making reservation of certain public lands for Naval purposes," passed first March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the first section of the act of Congress passed on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, entitled "an act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes," as empowers the Secretary of the Navy to appoint an agent or agents and surveyor, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the duties and services required by said section, be performed in future by such surveyors of public lands as may be designated by the President of the United States.

[Approved—May 15, 1820.]