against the said kingdom, or which were shipped from the said kingdom
prior to the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and
eleven, whereby the person or persons interested in such goods, wares,
or merchandise, or concerned in the importation or introduction thereof,
into the United States, hath or have incurred any fine, penalty, or for-
siture, under an act, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial
intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France,
and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and an act, entitled
"An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United
States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for
other purposes;" and the act supplementary to the act last mentioned;
on such person or persons petitioning for relief to any judge or court,
proper to hear the same, in pursuance of the provisions of the act,
entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures,
penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned;"
and on the facts being shown, on inquiry had by the said judge or court,
stated and transmitted, as by the said act is required, to the Secretary
of the Treasury; in all such cases wherein it shall be proved to his
satisfaction, that the said goods, wares, and merchandise, at the time of
their importation or introduction into the United States were bona fide
American property, that they were not clandestinely imported or intro-
duced, and that they were imported or introduced since the declaration of
war aforesaid, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to remit all
fines, penalties, and forfeitures that may have been incurred under the said
acts, in consequence of such importation or introduction into the United
States, upon the costs and charges that have arisen, or may arise, being
paid, and on payment of the duties that would have been payable by law,
on such goods, wares, and merchandise, if legally imported, and also, to
direct the prosecution or prosecutions, if any shall have been instituted
for the recovery of the said fines, penalties, and forfeitures, to cease and
be discontinued.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the duties payable on the
goods, wares, and merchandise embraced by the provisions of the act,
entitled "An act authorizing the admission, under certain circum-
cstances, of vessels owned by citizens of the United States of America,
with their cargoes, from British ports beyond the Cape of Good
Hope not altered.


Statute II.

CHAP. XXXIV.—An Act in addition to an act regulating the Post-office establish-
ment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be,
and he is hereby authorized to contract for carrying mails of the United
States in any steamboat or boats, which are or may be established to ply
between one post town and another post town: Provided, that such con-
tract shall not be made for a longer period than four years: And pro-
vided also, that the pay for such service, shall not be at a greater rate,
taking into consideration distance, expedition, and frequency, than is
paid for carrying the mail by stages on the post road, or roads, adjacent
to the course of such steamboats, and that such contract shall secure
the regular transportation of the mail throughout each year.

Approved, February 27, 1813.