

receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and shall have the privilege of sending and receiving letters and packets by mail free of postage.

Pension business transferred to office Com. of Pensions.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the pension business heretofore transacted in the Navy Department, shall be transferred to the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, and that the clerk now employed in that business be also transferred to that office.

APPROVED, March 4, 1840.

STATUTE I.

March 31, 1840.

CHAP. V.—*An Act additional to the act on the subject of Treasury Notes. (a)*

Act of 12th Oct. 1837, ch. 2, &c. renewed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the regulations and provisions contained in the act passed the twelfth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury Notes," and in the subsequent acts in addition thereto, be, and the same are hereby, renewed, and made in full force, excepting the limitations concerning the times within which such notes may be issued, and restricting the amount thereof as hereafter provided.

Treasury notes may be issued in lieu of others redeemed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That under the regulations and provisions contained in said act, Treasury Notes may be issued in lieu of others hereafter or heretofore redeemed, but not to exceed in the amount of notes outstanding at any one time, the aggregate of five millions of dollars; and to be redeemed sooner than one year, if the means of the Treasury will permit, by giving notice sixty days of those notes which the Department is ready to redeem; no interest to be allowed thereon after the expiration of said sixty days.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force one year and no longer.

APPROVED, March 31, 1840.

STATUTE I.

April 4, 1840.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to cancel the bonds given to secure duties upon vessels and their cargoes, employed in the Whale Fishery, and to make registers, lawful papers for such vessels. (b)*

Registers sufficient papers for vessels engaged in the whale fishery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all vessels which have cleared, or hereafter may clear, with registers for the purpose of engaging in the Whale fishery, shall be deemed to have lawful and sufficient papers for such voyages, securing the privileges and rights of registered vessels, and the privileges and exemptions of vessels enrolled and licensed for the fisheries; and all vessels which have been enrolled and licensed for like voyages shall have the same privileges and measure of protection as if they had sailed with registers if such voyages are completed or until they are completed.

Provisions of the 1st section of the act of 28th Feb. 1803, ch. 9, extended.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of the first section of the act entitled "An act supplementary to the act concerning consuls and vice-consuls, and for the further protection of American seamen," passed on the twenty-eighth day of February, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and three, shall hereafter apply and be in full force as to vessels engaged in the Whale fishery in the same manner and to the same extent as the same is now in force and applies to vessels bound on a foreign voyage.

Forfeitures remitted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all forfeitures, fees, duties and charges of every description required of the crews of such vessels,

(a) Notes of the acts which have been passed relative to the issuing and reimbursement of Treasury notes, vol. 2, 766.

(b) Notes of the acts of Congress relating to ships and vessels employed in the fisheries, vol. 3, 49. Decisions of the courts of the United States on the acts relating to the fisheries, vol. 3, 49.