the deputy post-master at the city of Washington.

This act not to affect existing contracts.

STATUTE I.

May 3, 1802.

[Obsolete.]

Specific appropriation.

How to be applied.

STATUTE II.

May 3, 1802.


Sum appropriated for an hospital in Massachusetts. President may cause accommodations, &c. to be provided for the relief of the U. States seamen at New Orleans, with the consent of the local government.

Masters of boats, rafts, &c. going to New Orleans, down the Mississippi, to make reports of the number of hands, &c.

expenses incurred in the discharge of the duties of his office, an additional compensation, at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, to be computed from the first day of January last.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That this act shall not be so construed as to affect any existing contracts for carrying the mail.

Approved, May 3, 1802.

CHAP. XLIX.—An Act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for carrying into effect the convention of the eighth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, between the United States of America and His Britannic Majesty, the sum of two millions six hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated.

APPROVED, May 3, 1802.

CHAP. LI.—An Act to amend an act intituled "An act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen," 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 monies heretofore collected in pursuance of the several acts "for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," and at present unexpended, together with the monies hereafter to be collected by authority of the before-mentioned acts, shall constitute a general fund, which the President of the United States shall use and employ as circumstances shall require for the benefit and convenience of sick and disabled American seamen: Provided, that the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the erection of an hospital in the district of Massachusetts.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to cause such measures to be taken as, in his opinion, may be expedient for providing convenient accommodations, medical assistance, necessary attendance, and supplies for the relief of sick or disabled seamen of the United States who may be at or near the port of New Orleans, in case the same can be done with the consent of the government having jurisdiction over the port; and for this purpose, to establish such regulations, and to authorize the employment of such persons as he may judge proper; and that for defraying the expense thereof, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars be paid out of any monies arising from the said fund not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That from and after the thirtieth day of June next, the master of every boat, raft or flat, belonging to any citizen of the United States which shall go down the Mississippi with intention to proceed to New Orleans shall, on his arrival at Fort Adams, render to the collector or naval officer thereof, a true account of the number of persons employed on board such boat, raft or flat, and the time that each person has been so employed, and shall pay to the said collector or naval officer at the rate of twenty cents per month, for every person so employed, which sum, he is hereby authorized to retain out of the wages of such person: and the said collector or naval officer shall not give a clearance for such boat, raft or flat, to proceed on her voyage to New Orleans, until an account be rendered to him of the
number of persons employed on board such boat, raft or flat, and the
money paid to him by the master or owner thereof: and if any such
master shall render a false account of the number of persons, and the
length of time they have severally been employed, as is herein required,
he shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars, which shall be applied to, and shall
make a part of, the said general fund for the purposes of this act: Provided,
that all persons employed in navigating any such boat, raft or flat, shall be considered as seamen of the United States, and entitled to
the relief extended by law to sick and disabled seamen.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United
States be, and he is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint for the
port of New Orleans, a fit person to be director of the marine hospital
of the United States, whose duties shall be in all instances the same as
the directors of the marine hospitals of the United States, as directed
and required by the act, intituled "An act for the relief of sick and
disabled seamen."  [Act of July 16, 1798, chap. 76.]

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That each and every director of
the marine hospitals within the United States, shall, if it can with
convenience be done, admit into the hospital of which he is director,
sick foreign seamen, on the application of the master or commander of
any foreign vessel to which such sick seamen may belong; and each
seaman so admitted shall be subject to a charge of seventy-five cents
per day for each day he may remain in the hospital, the payment of
which the master or commander of such foreign vessel shall make to
the collector of the district in which such hospital is situated: and the due from the
money due from such master or commander, in manner and form aforesaid, shall be paid;
and the director of each hospital is hereby directed, under the penalty of fifty dollars, to make out the accounts against each
foreign seaman that may be placed in the hospital, under his direction,
and render the same to the collector.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the collectors shall pay the
money collected, by virtue of this and the act to which this is an amend-
ment, into the treasury of the United States, and be accountable there-
for, and receive the same commission thereon, as for other money by
them collected.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That each and every director of
the marine hospitals shall be accountable at the treasury of the United
States for the money by them received in the same manner as other
receivers of public money, and for the sums by them expended shall be
allowed a commission at the rate of one per cent.

APPROVED, May 3, 1802.

CHAP. LII.—An Act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, intituled "An act
concerning the District of Columbia."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the circuit court of the
county of Washington, in the territory of Columbia, shall have power
to proceed in all common law and chancery causes which now are, or
hereafter shall be instituted before it, in which either of the parties
reside without the said territory, in the same way that non-residents are
proceeding against in the general court or in the supreme court of
chancery in the state of Maryland.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the circuit court of the
county of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, shall have power to
proceed in all common law and chancery causes which now are, or
hereafter shall be instituted before it, in which either of the parties are
non-residents of said district of Columbia, in the same way, and under

Penalty for rendering a false account.

Persons navigating such boats, to be considered as seamen of the United States.

Proceedings against non-residents in the circuit court of Alexandria county