

STATUTE I.  
Jan. 7, 1824.

The several acts imposing discriminating duties of tonnage on foreign vessels, to be suspended as respects the kingdom of the Netherlands, &c.

Discriminating duties of impost on foreign vessels to be suspended, as respects the produce, &c., of the territories in Europe, of any of the mentioned nations.

This suspension to continue so long as the vessels of the United States and their cargoes shall be exempt from like discriminating duties in their ports.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act concerning discriminating duties of tonnage and impost. (a)*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, during the continuance of this act, and under the limitations hereinafter mentioned, so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of vessels in the ports of the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, is hereby suspended, so far as respects vessels truly and wholly belonging to subjects or citizens of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; of Prussia; of the Imperial Hanseatic cities of Hamburg, Lubeck, and Bremen; of the Dukedom of Oldenburg; of the Kingdom of Norway; of the Kingdom of Sardinia, and of the Empire of Russia.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That so much of the several acts imposing duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels, and in vessels of the United States, be, and the same is hereby, suspended, so far as the same respects the produce or manufactures of the territories in Europe, of any of the above-mentioned nations, or such produce and manufactures as can only be, or most usually are, first shipped from a port or place in the said territories in Europe, of either of them, respectively, the same being imported in vessels truly and wholly belonging to the subjects or citizens of each of the said nations, respectively, the vessels of each nation importing its own produce and manufactures as aforesaid.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the suspension of the discriminating duties of tonnage and impost, in the two preceding sections of this act prescribed, shall continue, in behalf of each of the above-mentioned nations, on condition that, and so long as, the vessels of the United States, and truly wholly belonging to the citizens thereof, and all goods and merchandise, of the produce or manufacture of the United States, laden therein, and imported into any of the ports of the said nations in Europe, respectively, shall be exempted from all and every discriminating duty of impost or tonnage, direct or indirect, whatsoever,*

(a) The acts relating to discriminating duties have been:

- An act imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, July 20, 1790, ch. 30, sec. 3.
  - Act of July 1, 1812, ch. 112, sec. 3.
  - An act to regulate the duties on imports and tonnage, April 27, 1816, ch. 107, sec. 3.
  - Act of Jan. 14, 1817, ch. 3. Act of March 3, 1817, ch. 50.
  - An act concerning discriminating duties on tonnage and impost, Jan. 7, 1824, ch. 4.
  - An act to amend the several acts imposing duties on imports, May 22, 1824, ch. 136, sec. 2.
  - An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases, (obsolete,) April 20, 1818, ch. 110.
  - An act in addition to "An act concerning tonnage and discriminating duties in certain cases," (obsolete,) March 3, 1819, ch. 75.
  - An act to exempt Swedish and Norwegian vessels, and the merchandise imported therein from the payment of discriminating duties of tonnage and impost, for a limited time, and for other purposes, Feb. 22, 1827, ch. 21.
  - An act to equalize the duties on vessels of the Republic of Colombia, and their cargoes, April 20, 1826, ch. 26.
  - An act to refund certain duties paid upon vessels belonging to citizens of Hamburg, and their cargoes, March 2, 1827, ch. 45.
  - An act respecting discriminating duties upon Dutch and Belgian vessels and their cargoes, March 2, 1837, ch. 19.
  - An act in addition to an act entitled "An act concerning discriminating duties of tonnage and impost," and to equalize the duties on Prussian vessels and their cargoes, May 24, 1828, ch. 111.
  - An act to suspend the discriminating duties upon goods imported in vessels of Portugal, and to reduce the duties on wines, July 4, 1836, ch. 359.
  - An act giving effect to a commercial arrangement between the United States and the Republic of Colombia, May 19, 1832, ch. 79.
  - An act concerning tonnage duty on Spanish vessels, July 13, 1832, ch. 207.
  - An act relating to duties and drawbacks, Sept. 11, 1841, ch. 24, sec. 4.
  - An act to provide revenue from imposts, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes, Aug. 30, 1842, ch. 270, sec. 11.
- For proclamations as to discriminating duties, issued under various acts, see Vol. 3, Appendix I. and post Appendix III.

other or higher than is levied upon the vessels and merchandise therein imported, belonging to the subjects or citizens of each of the said nations, respectively. But if, in any of the territories in Europe, of either of the said nations, any such discriminating duty shall, at any time, be imposed or levied on vessels wholly belonging to citizens of the United States, or on the merchandise imported as aforesaid in them, then, and from that time, the said suspension herein prescribed shall cease, and determine, so far as respects the vessels, and merchandise imported into the United States in them, of such nations: and all the provisions of the acts imposing discriminating foreign tonnage and impost duties in the United States, shall revive and be in full force, with regard to the said nation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, upon satisfactory evidence being given to the President of the United States, by the government of any foreign nation, that no discriminating duties of tonnage or impost are imposed or levied within the ports of the said nation, upon vessels wholly belonging to citizens of the United States, or upon merchandise, the produce or manufacture thereof, imported in the same, the President is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation, declaring that the foreign discriminating duties of tonnage and impost within the United States, are, and shall be, suspended and discontinued, so far as respects the vessels of the said nation, and the merchandise of its produce or manufacture, imported into the United States in the same: the said suspension to take effect from the time of such notification being given to the President of the United States, and to continue so long as the reciprocal exemption of vessels belonging to citizens of the United States, and merchandise as aforesaid, thereon laden, shall be continued, and no longer.

APPROVED, January 7, 1824.

The President to issue a proclamation of reciprocal exemption, on evidence of any foreign nation abolishing discriminating duties on vessels and goods of the United States.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act making a partial appropriation for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of two hundred and sixty-five thousand one hundred and forty dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the compensation granted by law to the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the officers, clerks, and servants of both Houses of Congress, and for defraying the contingent expenses thereof; and that the same be paid out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

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[Obsolete.]

Appropriation for the compensation of the Senate and House of Representatives.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act for the relief of certain distillers within the county of Berks, in the state of Pennsylvania.*

*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 and required to refund, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the distillers of spirituous liquors within the county of Berks, in the state of Pennsylvania, who at any time since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, have used stills made according to Henry Whitmer's improvement upon Anderson's condensing tub, and who have paid a duty upon the capacity of the globes of such stills, all such sums of money as they may have paid, respectively, as a duty on the capacity of the globes of their said stills.

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[Obsolete.] Secretary of the Treasury to refund to certain distillers, such duties as may have been paid by them, respectively, on certain stills.