

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of Indiana be, and is hereby, authorized to select out of any of the public land in said State subject to private entry, a quantity of land which, together with the land already received and holden by said State for the construction of the said Wabash and Erie Canal, will make the full amount equal to one half of five sections in width on each side of said canal: *Provided, nevertheless,* That no selection shall be made of any land but such as was subject to private entry on the first day of April, anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

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CHAP. XL.—*An Act to make Ship Island, in the Collection District of Pearl River, a Port of Delivery, and to authorize the Appointment of a Deputy Collector for said Port.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Ship Island, in the collection district of Pearl River, in the State of Mississippi, is hereby made a port of delivery, and that the President of the United States be authorized, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a deputy collector to reside at said port of Ship Island, who is hereby authorized to perform the duties of a collector of the customs, and who shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe the oath contained in, and in the manner prescribed by, the seventh section of the act of the third March, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled, "An Act to continue in force an act entitled, 'An Act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,'" &c., and who shall give a bond for the true and faithful discharge of his duties in the same manner as collectors, naval officers, and surveyors are required to give bonds under existing laws; and the compensation of the aforesaid deputy collector shall be the fees established by law for the services he may perform, and no more.

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CHAP. XLI.—*An Act to provide for the Ventilation of Passenger Vessels, and for other Purposes.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all vessels, whether of the United States or any other country, having sufficient capacity according to law for fifty or more passengers, (other than cabin passengers,) shall, when employed in transporting such passengers between the United States and Europe, have on the upper deck, for the use of such passengers, a house over the passage-way leading to the apartment allotted to such passengers below deck, firmly secured to the deck, or combings of the hatch, with two doors, the sills of which shall be at least one foot above the deck, so constructed that one door or window in such house may, at all times, be left open for ventilation; and all vessels so employed, and having the capacity to carry one hundred and fifty such passengers, or more, shall have two such houses; and the stairs or ladder leading down to the aforesaid apartment shall be furnished with a hand-rail of wood or strong rope: *Provided, nevertheless,* Booby hatches may be substituted for such houses in vessels having three permanent decks.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every such vessel so employed, and having the legal capacity for more than one hundred such passengers, shall have at least two ventilators to purify the apartment

Ventilators.