CHAP. 156.—An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, 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 works of art, collections in illustration of the progress of the arts, sciences or manufactures, photographs, works in terra-cotta, Parian, pottery or porcelain and artistic copies of antiques in metal or other material hereafter imported in good faith for permanent exhibition at a fixed place by any society or institution established for the encouragement of the arts or science, and not intended for sale, nor for any other purpose than is hereinbefore expressed, and all such articles, imported as aforesaid, now in bond, and all like articles imported in good faith by any society or association for the purpose of erecting a public monument and not for sale shall be admitted free of duty under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: Provided, That the parties importing articles as aforesaid shall be required to give bonds, with sufficient sureties, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, for the payment of lawful duties which may accrue should any of the articles aforesaid be sold, transferred, or used contrary to the provisions and intent of this act.

Approved, June 6, 1878.

CHAP. 160.—An act to repeal the bankrupt law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the bankrupt law approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, title sixty-one, Revised Statutes, and an act entitled “An act to amend and supplement an act entitled An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and for other purposes, approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and seventy-four”, and all acts in amendment or supplementary thereto or in explanation thereof, be, and the same are hereby, repealed: Provided, however, That such repeal shall in no manner invalidate or affect any case in bankruptcy instituted and pending in any court prior to the day when this act shall take effect; but as to all such pending cases and all future proceedings therein, and in respect of all pains, penalties, and forfeitures which shall have been incurred under any of said acts prior to the day when this act takes effect, or which may be thereafter incurred, under any of those provisions of any of said acts which, for the purposes named in this act, are kept in force, and all penal actions and criminal proceedings for a violation of any of said acts, whether then pending or thereafter instituted, and in respect of all rights of debtors and creditors (except the right of commencing original proceedings in bankruptcy), and all rights of, and suits by, or against assignees, under any, or all of said acts, in any matter or case which shall have arisen prior to the day when this act takes effect (which shall be on the first day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight), or in any matter or case which shall arise after this act takes effect, in respect of any matter of bankruptcy authorized by this act to be proceeded with after said last-named day, the acts hereby repealed shall continue in full force and effect until the same shall be fully disposed of, in the same manner as if said acts had not been repealed.

Approved, June 7, 1878.