

penation for his services, in lieu of the compensation heretofore allowed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all letters and packets to or from the Accountant of the department of War, shall be conveyed by post, free of postage, under such restrictions as are provided by law, in like cases.

Privilege of franking.

APPROVED, May 27, 1796.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act respecting the Mint.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be appropriated for the purchase of copper for the further coinage of cents and half cents, a sum equal to the amount of the cents and half cents which shall have been coined at the mint, and delivered to the treasurer of the United States, subsequent to the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, which sum shall be payable out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passing of this act, there shall be retained from every deposit in the mint, of gold or silver bullion below the standard of the United States, such sum as shall be equivalent to the expense incurred in refining the same, and an accurate account of such expense on every deposit shall be kept, and of the sums retained on account of the same, which shall be accounted for by the treasurer of the mint, to the treasurer of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force for the term of two years from the passing thereof, and from thence until the end of the next session of Congress thereafter holden, and no longer.

APPROVED, May 27, 1796.

STATUTE I.

May 27, 1796.

[Expired.]

Act of Jan. 14, 1793, ch. 2.

Act of April 24, 1800, ch. 34.

Appropriation for the purchase of copper.

Part of gold and silver bullion to be retained.

Limitation.

STATUTE I.

May 27, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Time and place of holding the district court of Vermont.

1802, ch. 31.

Fall session of the circuit court of Rhode Island.

Times of holding the district court of Rhode Island.

1804, ch. 31.

Returns of writs and processes, &c.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act altering the Sessions of the Circuit Courts in the Districts of Vermont and Rhode Island; and for other purposes.*

SECTION 1. *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 June next, the circuit court, for the district of Vermont, shall be held at Rutland and Windsor, alternately, beginning with the former, on the seventh day of November, and on the twelfth day of May, annually: *Provided*, when either of those days shall be Sunday, the court shall be held on the day following.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the fall session of the circuit court, for the district of Rhode Island, shall be held on the nineteenth day of November, with the exception for Sunday, as is provided in the preceding section.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the district court for the district last aforesaid, instead of the several days heretofore prescribed, shall be held annually, on the first Tuesday of August, the third Tuesday of November, the first Tuesday of February, and the second Tuesday of May.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all writs and processes, of whatever name or description, which may have issued from either of the courts before mentioned, or which shall hereafter issue, the return of which will be interrupted by this act, shall be returned to the terms of the courts, respectively, next succeeding the terms, to which they were made returnable: And the said writs and processes before mentioned, together with all matters and business depending before either of the courts before mentioned, shall be taken up and proceeded upon to final issue and determination, in the same manner, and to the same effect, as

if no alteration had been made in the times or places of holding the said courts respectively.

APPROVED, May 27, 1796.

STATUTE I.

May 27, 1796.

[Obsolete.]

Certain new districts and ports of delivery established.

1799, ch. 22.
Ante, p. 420.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act in addition to an act intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled An act to provide more effectually for the Collection of the Duties on Goods, Wares and Merchandise imported into the United States, and on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels."*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the last day of June next, there shall be established, the following new districts and ports of delivery, to wit: In the state of Massachusetts, a district to be called the district of Ipswich; which shall include the waters and shores within the said town of Ipswich, which shall be the sole port of entry of the same: And a collector shall be appointed, to reside in the said town of Ipswich; and thenceforward, the office of surveyor for the said port shall cease. In the state of New Jersey, a district, to be called the district of Little Egg Harbor, which shall comprehend all the shores, waters, bays, rivers and creeks from Barnegat inlet to Brigantine inlet, both inclusively; and the town of Tuckerton shall be the sole port of entry for the said district: And a collector for the same shall be appointed, to reside at the said town of Tuckerton; and thenceforward, the office of surveyor for the port of Little Egg Harbor shall cease. In the state of Maryland, a district, to be called the district of Havre-de-Grace; which shall include all the shores and waters of the Chesapeake bay, above Turkey point and Spes Utæ island: And a collector shall be appointed, to reside at Havre-de-Grace, which shall be the sole port of entry for the same. In the district of Newburyport, the town of Newbury shall be a port of delivery: In the district of Dighton, the towns of Berkley and Taunton shall be ports of delivery.

Alteration of certain districts.

Ante, p. 420.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the last day of June next, the district of Hudson, in the state of New York, shall be confined to the limits of the city of Hudson; and all other places, which were, by the act, intituled "An act supplementary to the act, intituled An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," included in the said district of Hudson, shall be annexed to the district of New York. And the description of the district of Waldoborough, in the said recited act, shall be so far altered, as, instead of saying, "A place called Duck-trap," to say, "that part of a place called Duck-trap, which lies between the towns of Camden and Northport;" and, instead of saying, "All the shores and waters from the middle of Damarascotty river to Duck trap," to say, "all the shores and waters from the middle of Damarascotty river, to the southwardly side of the town of Northport." That, in the state of Maryland, the district of Cedar-point shall be called the district of Nanjemoy; which shall be the sole port of entry and delivery for the said district; and the collector shall reside at Nanjemoy. And that in the district of Nantucket, in the state of Massachusetts, the name of the port of Sherburne shall be changed to the port of Nantucket. *Provided always,* that no alteration in the name or description of the said districts shall be construed to affect the compensation of the officers thereof.

Proviso.

Collectors to be appointed under this act to give security, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the collectors to be appointed in conformity with this act, shall each become bound in the sum of two thousand dollars, in manner, as is by law provided in like cases: And the same duties, authorities and fees of office, with a similar distribution thereof, shall appertain to those appointments as are now in like cases