

sioners to be apportioned among them at his discretion. That there be allowed for the year aforesaid, in lieu of clerk hire to the commissioner of loans in the state of New Hampshire, three hundred and fifty dollars; to the commissioner of loans, in the state of Rhode Island, four hundred dollars; to the commissioner of loans, in the state of New Jersey, three hundred dollars; and to the commissioner of loans, in the state of Maryland, two hundred and fifty dollars.

APPROVED, May 30, 1796.

See p. 730, post.

STATUTE I.

May 30, 1796.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and to continue in force the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations."*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; together with the second section of the act, intituled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, and to amend the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the ninth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, shall be continued in force, for the term of one year from the passing of this act, and from thence, until the end of the next session of Congress thereafter holden, and no longer.

[Obsolete.]  
Limitations of former acts providing the means of intercourse with foreign nations.

1790, ch. 22.  
1793, ch. 4.  
1794, ch. 7.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses which may attend the intercourse between the United States and foreign nations, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, in addition to the sum of forty thousand dollars, annually appropriated for that purpose.

Appropriations

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the sum appropriated by the first section of the act, intituled "An act making further provision for the expenses attending the intercourse of the United States with foreign nations; and further to continue in force the act, intituled "An act providing the means of intercourse between the United States and foreign nations," passed the twentieth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, as remains unexpended, together with a further sum of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect, any treaty already made, and to enable the President to effect any treaty or treaties, with any of the Mediterranean powers.

for carrying into effect certain treaties:

1794, ch. 7.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and six cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated to reimburse certain sums advanced by Captain Colvill and Captain Burnham, for their ransom from captivity in Algiers; which sum, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to pay to the said captains Colvill and Burnham, dividing the same equally between them.

for reimbursing Captains Colvill and Burnham.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be authorized to borrow, on the credit of the United States, if, in his opinion, the public service shall require it, a sum not exceeding three hundred and twenty-four thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and six cents, at an interest not exceeding six per centum per annum, reimbursable at the pleasure of the United States, to be applied to the purposes of this act, and to be repaid out of the duties on imports and tonnage accruing during the present year, and not otherwise appropri-

President of the U. States to borrow not exceeding \$324,539 6 cts.

ated: And it shall be lawful for the Bank of the United States to lend the same.

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STATUTE I.

May 30, 1796.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to continue in force, for a limited time, the acts therein mentioned.*

[Expired.]  
Acts for support of lighthouses and for mitigating and remitting forfeitures continued for two years.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys and public piers," so far as the same provides for defraying the necessary expense of supporting lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers, and the stakeage of channels on the sea coast. And also, the act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures and penalties accruing under the revenue laws in certain cases therein mentioned," be, and the same are hereby continued in force for the term of two years.

Ante, p. 339.

Ante, p. 122.

Also 13th section of act for collecting duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, &c. for one year.  
Ante, p. 378.  
Ante, p. 390.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the thirteenth section of the act, intituled "An act making further provision for securing and collecting the duties on foreign and domestic distilled spirits, stills, wines and teas," which section will expire at the end of the present session of Congress, shall be, and the same is hereby further continued in force, for the term of one year from the passing of this act, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

APPROVED, May 30, 1796.

STATUTE I.

May 31, 1796.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act making provision for the payment of certain Debts of the United States.*

[Expired.]  
Commissioners of sinking fund, with approbation of the President of the United States to borrow \$5,000,000.  
How to be applied.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be lawful for the commissioners of the sinking fund, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to borrow, or cause to be borrowed, on the credit of the United States, any sum not exceeding five millions of dollars, to be applied to the payment of the capital, or principal of any parts of the debt of the United States now due, or to become due, during the course of the present year, to the bank of the United States, or to the bank of New York, or for any instalment of foreign debt; And that, for the whole, or such part of the said sum, as shall be borrowed, certificates shall be issued, purporting that the United States are indebted for the sums to be therein expressed, bearing an interest of six per centum per annum, payable quarter yearly; which sums, at the said rate of interest, are to remain fixed and irredeemable, until the close of the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and to be redeemed thereafter, at the pleasure of the United States: And the bank of the United States is hereby authorized to lend the whole, or any part, of the said five millions of dollars, and to sell the stock received for such loan.

And credits to be entered.

Certificates for not less than \$100 to be issued.

Ante, p. 138.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That credits for the sums which shall be borrowed, pursuant to this act, shall be entered and given on the books of the treasury, in like manner as for the present domestic funded debt; and that certificates, for sums not less than one hundred dollars, pursuant to the provisions herein contained, shall be issued by the Register of the Treasury; which shall be transferable in like manner, and by the like ways and means, as are provided by the seventh section of the act, intituled "An act making provision for the debt of the United States," touching the credits or stock therein mentioned; and that the interest to be paid upon the stock, which shall be constituted by virtue of the loan herein proposed, shall be paid at the offices or places, where