

for the recovery of debts now due, or hereafter to be due to the United States, in law or equity, from any person or persons whatsoever, which remedy or remedies might be used if this act was not in force.

APPROVED, March 3, 1797.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1797.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act authorizing an expenditure and making an appropriation for the Prosecution of the Claims of certain Citizens of the United States, for Property captured by the belligerent Powers.*

[Obsolete.]

Fifty thousand dollars appropriated to prosecute claims of American citizens, in England in prize causes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to advance, on account of the several prize causes before the court of admiralty and court of appeals in England, a sum sufficient to defray the costs thereof, so far as the agents of the United States may have become sureties for the same. And that for defraying, during the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, that expense, and that which may be incurred in procuring from the admiralty courts of any of the belligerent powers, copies of papers relative to the property of American citizens, captured by any of the said powers, a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, shall be, and hereby is appropriated, in addition to the sums which, from the appropriations for intercourse with foreign nations, have been expended under the direction of the President of the United States, in the prosecution of those claims; which sum shall be paid from any monies which may be in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Costs incurred by the United States to be deducted from the sums recovered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from the money which has been, or which shall be received on any claim, as aforesaid, all costs in the prosecution thereof, which have been, or which shall be incurred by the United States, shall be taken and deducted, or otherwise refunded, under the direction of the President; which account, as far as may be then had, shall be submitted to Congress at their next session.

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STATUTE II.

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CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act providing for certain Buoys, to be placed in and near the Harbor of Boston.*

Buoys to be placed in the harbor of Boston.

SECTION 1. *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 authorized and directed, to cause to be placed in and near the harbor of Boston, in the state of Massachusetts, upon such rocks, ledges, or shoals, as the security of navigation there most requires to be distinguished, not exceeding six larger, and ten smaller buoys, whereof the whole expense shall not exceed one thousand six hundred dollars.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a sum not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars, shall be, and hereby is appropriated to defray the necessary expense of the said buoys, to be paid from the duties on imports and tonnage.

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STATUTE II.

March 3, 1797.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act extending the time for receiving on Loan the Domestic Debt of the United States.*

[Obsolete.]

Time extended to loan domestic debt.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the several provisions of the act, intituled "An act further extending the time for receiving

on loan the domestic debt of the United States," passed the nineteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be, and they are hereby continued in force, until the thirty-first day of December next, and no longer: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to extend to any evidence of public debt, which may be barred by any act of limitation.

1796, ch. 2.

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CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to revive and continue the act, passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, intituled "An act to regulate the compensation of Clerks."*

STATUTE II.  
March 3, 1797.

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 to regulate the compensation of clerks," passed the thirtieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be and the same is hereby revived and continued until the first day of January next.

[Obsolete.]  
Act continued.

Ante, p. 486.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed and paid to each of the principal and engrossing clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, in addition to the sums allowed them by law, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six: And also, that the further sum of one hundred dollars to each of the principal and engrossing clerks employed by the Secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House of Representatives, be allowed and paid, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; also, the like sum to the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, and to each of the doorkeepers and assistant doorkeepers of the two Houses of Congress, in addition to the sums heretofore allowed by law.

Additional allowance to clerks, sergeant-at-arms and doorkeepers.

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CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act concerning the Circuit Courts of the United States.*

STATUTE II.  
March 3, 1797.

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 expiration of the present session of Congress, the times and places of holding the several circuit courts of the United States, in the present and each succeeding year, shall be as follows, to wit:

Times of holding the circuit courts.  
Act of April 29, 1802, ch. 23.

In the state of New York, at the city of New York, on the first days of April and September.

New York.

In Connecticut, at New Haven, on the thirteenth day of April, and at Hartford on the seventeenth day of September.

Connecticut.

In Vermont, at Windsor, on the first day of May, and at Rutland, on the third day of October.

Vermont.

In New Hampshire, at Portsmouth, on the nineteenth day of May, and at Exeter, on the second day of November.

New Hampshire.

In Massachusetts, at Boston, on the first day of June, and twentieth day of October.

Massachusetts.

In Rhode Island, at Newport, on the fifteenth day of June, and at Providence on the fifteenth day of November.

Rhode Island.

In New Jersey, at Trenton, on the first days of April and October.

New Jersey.

In Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on the eleventh days of April and October.

Pennsylvania.

In Delaware, at New Castle, on the twenty-seventh day of June, and at Dover, on the twenty-seventh day of October.

Delaware.

In Maryland, at Annapolis, on the seventh day of May, and at Baltimore, on the seventh day of November.

Maryland.

In Virginia, at Richmond, on the twenty-second days of May and November.

Virginia.