the United States, and having particularly in mind the probable
ability of such water users, districts, associations, or other reclamation
organizations to meet such water-right charges regularly and
faithfully from year to year, during periods of prosperity and good
prices for agricultural products as well as during periods of decline
in agricultural income and unsatisfactory conditions of agriculture.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of
any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
$5,000, which shall be available for expenditure, as the Secretary
of the Interior may direct, for expenses and all necessary disburse-
ments, including salaries, in carrying out the provisions of this Act.
The commission is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation
of such employees as may be necessary for carrying out its functions
under this Act without regard to civil-service laws or the Classi-
ification Act of 1923, as amended.

Sec. 3. That all the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to
further extend relief to water users on the United States reclamation
projects and on Indian irrigation projects”, approved June 13, 1935,
are hereby further extended for the period of one year, so far as
concerns 50 per centum of the construction charges, for the calendar
year 1936: Provided, however, That where the construction charge
for the calendar year 1936 is payable in two installments the sum
hereby extended shall be the amount due as the first of such install-
ments. If payable in one installment, the due date for the 50 per
centum to be paid shall not be changed.

Approved, April 14, 1936.

[CHAPTER 228.]

AN ACT
To amend section 21 of the Act approved June 5, 1920, entitled “An Act to
provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American merchant marine,
to repeal certain emergency legislation, and provide for the disposition, regu-
lation, and use of property acquired thereunder, and for other purposes”, as
applied to the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 21 of
the Act approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. L. 997), entitled “An Act
to provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American
merchant marine, to repeal certain emergency legislation and provide
for the disposition, regulation, and use of property acquired there-
under, and for other purposes”, is hereby amended by adding thereto
the following proviso: “And provided further, That the coastwise
laws of the United States shall not extend to the Virgin Islands of
the United States until the President of the United States shall, by
proclamation, declare that such coastwise laws shall extend to the
Virgin Islands and fix a date for the going into effect of same.”

Approved, April 16, 1936.

[CHAPTER 229.]

AN ACT
Relating to the carriage of goods by sea.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That every bill of
lading or similar document of title which is evidence of a contract
for the carriage of goods by sea to or from ports of the United
States, in foreign trade, shall have effect subject to the provisions
of this Act.