

Vessels belonging to citizens of the United States, residing therein, or to persons inhabiting the territory ceded to the United States by France, entitled to the benefits of vessels of the United States.

Proviso, that the collector may make alterations in the form of the oaths, &c., to make them applicable to this law.

Oath of applicant.

Inhabitants of the ceded territory residents thereof the 30th April, 1803, entitled, on certain conditions, to all the privileges, &c. of owning ships, &c. of the United States.

STATUTE I.

March 3, 1804.

Certain military pensioners of South Carolina to be placed on the books of the war office, and paid as other pensioners.

A certificate from the state of South Carolina required for entitling any person to the benefit of this

possessed of and sailing under a Spanish or French register, and belonging, on the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and continuing to belong wholly to any citizen or citizens of the United States, then residing within the territories ceded to the United States, by the treaty of the thirtieth of April one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, or to any person or persons being, on the said thirtieth day of April, an inhabitant or inhabitants of the said ceded territories, and who continue to reside therein, and of which the master is a citizen of the United States, or an inhabitant as aforesaid, may be registered, enrolled and licensed in the manner prescribed by law; and being so registered, enrolled or licensed, shall be denominated and deemed a ship or vessel of the United States, and entitled to the benefits granted by any law of the United States to ships or vessels thereof. *Provided*, that it shall be lawful for the collector to whom application shall be made for a certificate of registry, enrolment or license for such ship or vessel by any citizen or inhabitant as aforesaid, to make such variations in the forms of the oaths, certificates, and licenses, as shall render them applicable to the cases herein intended to be provided for: *And provided also*, that every such inhabitant applying as aforesaid, shall, prior to his being entitled to receive such certificate of registry, enrolment, or license, deposit with the collector, the register and other papers under which such ship or vessel had been navigated; and also take and subscribe, before the collector (who is hereby authorized to administer the same) the following oath: I, A. B., do swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I do entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the king of Spain and the French Republic.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the inhabitants of the said ceded territory who were residents thereof on the thirtieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, who shall take the oath aforesaid, and who continue to reside therein, or citizens of the United States residents of said ceded territory, shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of owning ships or vessels of the United States, to all intents and purposes, as if they were resident citizens of the United States.

APPROVED, February 25, 1804.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the relief of certain military pensioners in the state of South Carolina.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the persons to whom military pensions have been heretofore granted and paid by the state of South Carolina, in pursuance of the resolves of the United States in congress assembled, for the payment of pensions to the invalids who were wounded and disabled during the late war with Great Britain, and who have not been placed on the books, in the office of the Secretary for the department of War, shall be, and the same hereby are directed to be placed on said books, and their said pensions shall be hereafter paid by the United States, in the same manner as to other pensioners of the United States, out of the funds already appropriated for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in placing the names of pensioners on the books, pursuant to the directions contained in the foregoing section, the Secretary of War shall be guided by a certificate from the state of South Carolina, when the same shall be delivered to him, under the proper authentications, which certificate shall specify the names of pensioners and sums of pension; and likewise, that they

have not been paid since March the fourth, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, by said state; which certificate shall be recorded in the books of the department of war, and the original kept on file. And each officer, non-commissioned officer, and soldier, whose name shall be placed on the said list as a pensioner, in conformity to the provisions of this act, or in case of the death of any such officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, his heirs or legal representatives shall receive a sum equal to the arrears of his pension, which shall have accrued from and after the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, until the passage of this act, or until the death of such pensioner, as aforesaid, as the case may be; which arrearages shall be ascertained and certified by the register of the treasury in the same manner, and under the same restrictions as are contained in the act passed the eleventh day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, intituled "An act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned or described:" *Provided*, that the commutation of half-pay which may have been received by any commissioned officer entitled to a pension, as aforesaid, shall first be returned by such officer into the treasury of the United States, or shall be deducted from the arrears of pension directed to be paid by this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1804.

act: certificate to be recorded at the war office.

The amount payable to the several claimants, and the principles of settlement.

1790, ch. 45.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to allow drawbacks of duties, on goods, wares and merchandise transported by land, in the cases therein mentioned.*(a)

March 3, 1804.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all goods, wares and merchandise duly imported into either of the districts of Boston and Charlestown, Salem and Beverly, Newburyport, Ipswich or Marblehead, in the state of Massachusetts, which shall be transported by inland conveyance along the turnpike or other main road into another of the said districts, and be therefrom exported to any foreign port or place, shall be entitled to the benefit of a drawback of the duties upon such exportation, under the same provisions, regulations, restrictions and limitations, as if the goods, wares and merchandise were transported coastwise from one to another of the said districts, and also upon the conditions specified in the seventy-ninth section of the act, intituled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."*

Goods imported into certain ports and transported by inland conveyance to others, and thence exported, entitled to drawbacks.

Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22.

*SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all goods, wares and merchandise duly imported into the district of Delaware, may be transported to the same places, in the same manner, and on the same conditions with goods, wares and merchandise duly imported into the districts of Philadelphia, New York or Baltimore; and shall, in like manner, be entitled to the benefit of a drawback of the duties thereon, upon exportation to any foreign port or place, agreeably to the provisions contained in the seventy-ninth section of an act, intituled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage:" and that all goods, wares and merchandise, which being duly imported into the districts of Philadelphia, New York or Baltimore, shall be exported from the district of Delaware, shall also be entitled to the benefit of a drawback of the duties on the same, in the same manner, and on the same conditions which are prescribed by the said seventy-ninth section of the act aforesaid, for goods, wares and merchandise, which being duly imported into Baltimore or New York, shall be exported from Philadelphia.*

Goods imported into the district of Delaware entitled to drawbacks as in cases of exportation, from Philadelphia, &c.

Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22, sec. 79, vol. i. 686.

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(a) See as to Drawbacks, vol. i. p. 680, 687.