

# ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the third session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the sixth day of December, 1790, and ended on the third day of March, 1791.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President, JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate, FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE III.

Dec. 27, 1790.

CHAPTER I.—*An Act supplementary to the act intitled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States."*

[Obsolete.]  
Recital.

WHEREAS no express provision has been made for extending the act, intituled "An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," to the collection of the duties imposed by the said "Act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," doubts concerning the same may arise: (a)—Therefore, *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 provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandise imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels," doth and shall extend to, and be in force for the collection of the duties specified and laid in and by the act, intituled "An act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States," as fully and effectually, as if every regulation, restriction, penalty, provision, clause, matter and thing therein contained, had been inserted in and re-enacted by the act last aforesaid.

Provisions of the act for collection of duties, extended to the act making further provision for the payment of the debts of the United States.

APPROVED, December 27, 1790.

### STATUTE III.

Jan. 7, 1791.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to provide for the unloading of ships or vessels, in cases of obstruction by ice.*

[Obsolete.]  
Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22, sec. 85.

In cases of obstruction by ice, collector may receive entry at any other place within his district.

WHEREAS it sometimes happens, that ships or vessels are obstructed by ice in their passage to the ports of their destination, and it is necessary that provision should be made for unloading such ships or vessels:

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where a ship or vessel shall be prevented by ice from getting to the port at which her cargo is intended to be delivered, it shall be lawful for the collector of the district, in which such ship or vessel may be so obstructed, to receive the report and entry of any such ship or vessel, and with the consent of the naval officer (where there is one) to grant a permit or permits for unloading or landing the goods, wares or merchandise imported in such ship or vessel at any place within his district, which shall appear to him to be most convenient and proper.

(a) Act of August 4, 1790, chap. 35; act of August 10, 1790, chap. 39; act of August 12, 1790, chap. 47; act of May 8, 1792, chap. 38; act of May 30, 1794, chap. 36; act of January 28, 1795, chap. 13; act of February 19, 1796, chap. 2; act of March 3, 1797, chap. 14.