

with the clerks of the said district courts of California and Louisiana, respectively, all property, books, records, documents, and papers remaining in their respective offices, and the same shall be received and kept by the said last-mentioned clerks subject to the order and direction of such courts respectively.

of Louisiana to deposit books and property with the clerks of courts hereby established.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That executions may be issued out of the said district court of California and the said district court of Louisiana, respectively, to collect any judgment or decree rendered in the said southern district of California or said western district of Louisiana before the passage of this act with the same effect as the same might now be issued out of the court in which such judgment or decree was rendered; and all process which shall have been issued out of said district court for the southern district of California or said western district of Louisiana, and shall not have been returned before the passage of this act, shall be returned to and filed with the clerks of the district courts of California and Louisiana respectively.

Executions to collect judgments heretofore rendered.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the salary of the United States district judge for the district of Louisiana shall hereafter be four thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Salary of judge for the district of Louisiana.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXI. — *An Act to authorize the Use in Post Offices of Weights of the Denomination of Grams.*

July 27, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to furnish to the post offices exchanging mails with foreign countries, and to such other offices as he shall think expedient, postal balances denominated in grams of the metric system; and, until otherwise provided by law, one half ounce avoirdupois shall be deemed and taken for postal purposes as the equivalent of fifteen grams of the metric weights, and so adopted in progression; and the rates of postage shall be applied accordingly.

Postal balances denominated in grams of the metric system may be furnished certain post-offices. One half ounce to be the equivalent of fifteen grams.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXII. — *An Act to authorize the Refunding of certain Taxes.*

July 27, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That where the license tax imposed upon any wholesale dealer has been calculated upon the amount of such dealer's sales for the previous year, in accordance with the terms of the seventy-ninth section of an act approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the commissioner of internal revenue that the sales made under such license did not equal in amount the sales of such previous year, it shall be lawful for said commissioner to refund to such wholesale dealer so much of the amount paid for such license as may be in excess of the proper tax chargeable upon the amount of sales actually made under such license during the year for which the same was issued.

Certain license taxes of wholesale dealers may be refunded. 1864, ch. 173, § 79. Vol. xiii. p. 251.

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXIII. — *An Act amendatory of Section thirteen of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to provide Internal Revenue to support the Government, to pay Interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes,' approved June 30, 1864," approved March 3, 1865.*

July 27, 1866. 1865, ch. 78, § 13. Vol. xiii. p. 485.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public

Section 13 of the act 1866, ch. 78, amended by substituting the words "without

paying the special tax therefor," for "without having first obtained a license so to do."

debt, and for other purposes,' approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the words "without having first obtained a license so to do," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "without paying the special tax therefor."

APPROVED, July 27, 1866.

July 27, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXXXIV. — *An Act to amend the Acts relating to Officers employed in the Examination of imported Merchandise in the District of New York, and for other Purposes.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in lieu of the appraisers now authorized by law for the appraisement of goods, wares, and merchandise at the port of New York, the President of the United States shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint for said port one appraiser, who has had experience as an appraiser, or who shall be practically acquainted with the quality and value of some one or more of the chief articles of importation subject to appraisement, and who, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath faithfully to direct and supervise the examination, inspection, and appraisement according to law, of such goods, wares, and merchandise as the collector may direct, and as is hereinafter provided for, and to cause to be duly reported to the collector the true value thereof, as required by law: *Provided,* That the collector shall not, under any circumstances, direct to be sent for examination and appraisement less than one package of every invoice, and one package at least out of every ten packages of goods, wares, and merchandise, and a greater number should he, or the appraiser, or any assistant appraiser, deem it necessary: *Provided,* nevertheless, that when from the character and description of the goods, wares, and merchandise, the Secretary of the Treasury may be of the opinion that the examination of a less proportion of packages will amply protect the revenue, he may, by special regulation, direct a less number of packages to be examined. And the appraiser, created by this act, in cases of his necessary and occasional absence, may perform his functions, ad interim, by deputy, designated by him in writing, from the assistant appraisers to be appointed under the provisions of this act.

One appraiser to be appointed at the port of New York.

Qualifications.

Oath.

Packages to be sent for examination and appraisement.

Proviso.

When and how appraiser may act by deputy.

Ten assistant appraisers to be appointed for the port of New York.

Qualifications.

To act under direction of appraiser.

Oath.

Their report approved by appraiser, to be deemed the appraisement required by law.

One of the assistant appraisers to act as special examiner of drugs.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in lieu of the assistant appraisers now authorized by law for the port of New York, the Secretary of the Treasury may appoint not exceeding ten assistant appraisers for said port, who have had experience as appraisers, or who shall be practically acquainted with the quality and value of some one or more of the chief articles of importation subject to appraisement, and included among the goods, wares, or merchandise, to the examination and appraisement of which they are respectively to be assigned, and who shall be employed in appraising goods, according to law, under the direction and supervision of the appraiser; and each of whom shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath diligently and faithfully to examine and inspect such goods, wares, and merchandise as the appraiser may direct, and truly to report to him the true value thereof, according to law; such report to be subject to revision and correction by the appraiser, and when approved by him to be transmitted to the collector, and to be deemed and taken to be the appraisement by the United States local appraiser of the district of such goods, wares, or merchandise required by law.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That one of the assistant appraisers to be appointed by virtue of this act, with special reference to his qualifications for the duties in this section set forth, shall, in addition to the duties that may be required of him by the appraiser, perform the duties and act in the place and stead of the special examiner of drugs, medicines, chemicals, and so forth, at the port of New York, as provided by the act