

town lots and out lots, shall remain open at Wooster, for seven days and no longer. The quarter sections and fractional quarter sections, shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre; the in lots for less than twenty dollars each, nor any out lot for less than at the rate of five dollars per acre; and shall, in every other respect, be sold on the same terms and conditions as have been, or may be, by law, provided for the lands sold north of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river. All the lands other than the reserved sections and those excepted as above mentioned, remaining unsold at the closing of the public sales, may be disposed of at private sale by the register of the land office, at Wooster, agreeably [to] the provisions of this act, and in the same manner, under the same regulations and conditions as are, or may be provided by law, for the sale of the lands of the United States, north of the Ohio river, and above the mouth of Kentucky river. And patents shall be obtained for all lands granted or sold within the said cession, in the same manner, and on the same terms, as are or may be provided by law for land sold in the state of Ohio. The superintendents of the public sales, directed by this section, shall receive four dollars each, for each day's attendance on the said sales.

APPROVED, April 27, 1816.

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

[Obsolete.]

Annual appropriation for the militia.

Act of April 23, 1808, ch. 55.

Appropriation.

1809, March 3, ch. 28.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act concerning the annual sum appropriated for arming and equipping the militia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the annual sum of two hundred thousand dollars, as appropriated for the purpose of providing arms and military equipments for the militia, either by purchase or manufacture, according to the act of the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled "An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States," shall be paid, for each year, respectively, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum appropriated, to be paid as aforesaid, shall be applied for the purpose, and according to the intention specified in said act, without being liable at any time to be carried to the account of the surplus fund. And nothing in the act of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the treasury, war and navy departments," shall be construed to authorize the transferring of the sum annually appropriated as aforesaid, or any portion thereof, to any other branch of expenditure.

APPROVED, April 29, 1816.

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

[Repealed.]

Act of Dec. 23, 1817, ch. 1.
Reduction of duties.

Act of Dec. 23, 1814, ch. 16.

CHAP. CXXXVII.—*An Act for reducing the duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirty-first day of December next, the additional duties laid on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors and foreign merchandise, by the third section of the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on sales at auction, and on licenses to retail wines, spirituous liquors and foreign merchandise, and for increasing the rates of postage," passed on the twenty-third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, shall cease and determine, and in case of

any application for a license to retail, between the thirtieth day of June, and the first day of January next, a license therefor shall, agreeably to the present rates of duty, be granted, to expire on the thirty-first of December next, on paying to the collector a sum which shall bear the same proportion to the duty for a year by the existing rates as the time for which the license may be granted shall bear to a year; and for neglect or failure to obtain such license, the same penalty shall be incurred, to be recovered in like manner as for the neglect or failure to obtain a license under the act, entitled "An act laying duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," passed on the second of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen: *Provided*, That after the first day of January next, no retailer of imported salt alone, whose stock in trade shall not exceed one hundred dollars, shall be compelled to take out a license for retailing the same, nor be liable to any penalty or forfeiture for failing to do so.

APPROVED, April 29, 1816.

1813, ch. 39.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXXXVIII.—*An Act for the gradual increase of the Navy of the United States.*

April 29, 1816.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for the gradual increase of the navy of the United States, the sum of one million of dollars per annum, for eight years, is hereby appropriated, including the sum of two hundred thousand dollars per annum, for three years, or the unexpended balance thereof, appropriated by an act approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment."

[Obsolete.]
First section repealed by act of March 3, 1821, ch. 47.
Increase of the navy provided for, 1815, ch. 81.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, to cause to be built nine ships, to rate not less than seventy-four guns each, and twelve ships, to rate not less than forty-four guns each, including one seventy-four and three forty-four gun ships, authorized to be built by an act bearing date on the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled "An act to increase the navy of the United States;" and in carrying this act into effect, the President shall be, and he is hereby authorized as soon as the timber and other necessary materials are procured, and the timber properly seasoned, to cause the said ships to be built and equipped; or, if in his judgment, it will more conduce to the public interest, he may cause the said ships to be framed and remain on the stocks, and kept in the best state of preservation, to be prepared for service in the shortest time practicable, when the public exigency may require them.

Ships to be built.

Act of May 17, 1826, ch. 64.
1813, ch. 6.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the defence of the ports and harbours of the United States, the President shall be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be procured the steam engines, and all the imperishable materials necessary for building and equipping three steam batteries, on the most approved plan, and best calculated for the waters in which they are to act: and such materials shall be secured in the best manner, to insure the completing such batteries in the shortest time practicable, when they, or either of them, in the opinion of the President, may be required for the public service; and the President is further authorized to cause to be completed and kept in the best state of preservation, the block ship now on the stocks near New Orleans.

Three steam batteries to be procured for harbour defence.

The block ship at New Orleans to be completed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys appropriated by this act shall not be transferred to any other object of expenditure, nor shall any part thereof be carried to the fund denominated "the surplus fund."

Appropriation.

APPROVED, April 29, 1816.

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