

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

CHAP. CXXXIX.—*An Act regulating the currency within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five-franc pieces. (a)*

Act of March 3, 1819, ch. 97.

Regulations as to the currency.

Act of March 3, 1821, ch. 53.

Assays of gold and silver currency to be made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from the passage of this act and for three years thereafter, and no longer, the following gold and silver coins shall pass current as money within the United States, and be a legal tender for the payment of all debts and demands, at the several and respective rates following, and not otherwise, videlicet: the gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every seventy-seven grains, or eighty-eight cents and eight-ninths per pennyweight; the gold coins of France, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven and a half grains, or eighty-seven and a quarter cents per pennyweight: the gold coins of Spain, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-eight and a half grains, or eighty-four cents per pennyweight; the crowns of France, at the rate of one hundred and seventeen cents and six-tenths per ounce, or one hundred and ten cents for each crown weighing eighteen pennyweights and seventeen grains; the five-franc pieces at the rate of one hundred and sixteen cents per ounce, or ninety-three cents and three mills for each five-franc piece, weighing sixteen pennyweights and two grains.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause assays of the foregoing gold and silver coins, made current by this act, to be had at the mint of the United States, at least once in every year: and to make report of the result thereof to Congress.

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CHAP. CXL.—*An Act supplementary to an act making alterations in the Treasury and War Departments, passed the eighth day of May, 1792. (b)*

Act of March 3, 1817, ch. 45. Additional accountant of War Department to be appointed. His duties and compensation.

His salary and provision for clerks.

Act limited to the end of the first Congress after the passage of it.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional accountant in the Department of War, whose duty it shall be to adjust and settle all the accounts in that department existing at the conclusion of the late war and are now unsettled. In the execution of this duty he shall conform to the regulations which govern the accountant of the War Department, and shall receive the same compensation for his services and be entitled to the same privileges of franking.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for defraying the expenses of clerks to be employed under his direction, and for the payment of his salary, the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and seven dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall continue in force for one year from the passing thereof, and to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer.

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(a) The provisions of the acts of Congress in relation to the value of foreign coins will be found vol. i. pp. 167, 168, 300, 539, 673, 680.

(b) See note referring to the act relative to the Treasury Department, vol. i. 279. Also see note to the act of March 3, 1817, ch. 45.