

# PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the second day of December, 1793, and ended on the ninth day of June, 1794.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President; JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; RALPH IZARD, President of the Senate pro tempore from June 4th, 1794; FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act providing for the relief of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as may be found in want of support.*

Feb. 12, 1794.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys which may be in the Treasury, arising from foreign loans, for the support of such of the inhabitants of Saint Domingo, resident within the United States, as shall be found in want of such support.

Appropriation for support of inhabitants of St. Domingo.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in order to secure the due application of the moneys aforesaid, the same shall be placed under the direction of the President of the United States: and it shall be lawful for him to draw the said moneys, or any part thereof, from the treasury of the United States, and to cause the distribution thereof to be made, for the relief of the persons aforesaid, in such manner, and by the hands of such persons, as shall, in the opinion of the President, appear most conducive to the humane purposes of this act.

To be applied under direction of the President.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That a regular statement and account be kept of the moneys so expended, and being lodged in the proper office of the treasury department, the amount thereof shall be provisionally charged to the debit of the French Republic, subject to such future arrangements as shall be made thereon, between the government of the United States and the said Republic. *Provided however,* that unless the French Republic, or its minister or other authorized agent, shall within six months from the passing of this act, expressly authorize a charge to the debit of the said Republic of the said supplies which shall have been, or may be made under this act, all further supplies under the same, shall, from and after the expiration of the said term of six months, be discontinued.

Account of expenditure thereof lodged in Treasury. How and to whom charged.

APPROVED, February 12, 1794.

### STATUTE I.

Feb. 19, 1794.

CHAP. III.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Sons.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That it shall and may be lawful for the collector for the district of New York, to remit to Thomas Jenkins and Sons, owners of the ship American Hero, the duties and imposts of tonnage,

Certain duties remitted.

which may be incurred in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said ship: *Provided*, They shall obtain, within one hundred and twenty days, a new register for the said ship, in the manner prescribed by law.

APPROVED, February 19, 1794.

STATUTE I.

March 27, 1794.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act allowing to Major General La Fayette his pay and emoluments while in the service of the United States.*

Allowance to  
General La  
Fayette.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be allowed to Major General La Fayette the sum of twenty-four thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars, being the amount of the pay and emoluments of a major general during the time he was in the service of the United States, and that the same be paid out of any moneys which may be in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 27, 1794.

STATUTE I.

April 2, 1794.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act for the relief of Stephen Paranque.*

Collector of  
New York to  
receive certain  
bonds from  
Stephen Pa-  
ranque.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the collector for the district of New York be, and is hereby authorized and required to take and receive from Stephen Paranque, bonds and security for all such duties, as may or shall be due and owing from the said Stephen Paranque and others concerned on account of entering and unloading the ship Port Louis of Marseilles, now lying in the port of New York; giving the said Stephen Paranque and others, a credit of six, nine, and twelve months, to be computed from the time of unloading, instead of the time of the importation of the cargo, as directed by the eighth section of an act, intituled "An act for raising a further sum of money for the protection of the frontiers, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the second day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two.

Act of May 2,  
1792, ch. 27.

APPROVED, April 2, 1794.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1794.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act for the relief of Leffert Lefferts and others.*

Collector of  
New York to  
remit certain  
duties.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That it shall and may be lawful for the collector for the district of New York, to remit to Leffert Lefferts, Thomas Carpenter, Jeremiah Condy, and William Condy, owners of the brigantine called Susan and Polly, the duties and imposts of tonnage, which may be incurred in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said brigantine: *Provided* they shall obtain, within one hundred and twenty days, a new register for the said brigantine, in the manner prescribed by law.

APPROVED, April 18, 1794.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1794.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act to authorize Ephraim Kimberly to locate the land warrant issued to him for services in the late American army.*

Ephraim Kim-  
berly permitted  
to locate certain  
land-warrant.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That permission be, and the same is hereby granted to Ephraim Kimberly, now resident on the west bank of the Ohio, near Indian Short-creek, within the territory north-west of the Ohio, to locate the land warrant issued to the said Kimberly, for three hundred acres of land, for his services in the late American army, so as to include the land where he now resides, or as convenient as may be there-to: *Provided*, he doth not interfere with any existing claim, location or survey: And upon the said Kimberly's procuring the said land to be surveyed, in such way and manner as shall be pointed out and directed by the President of the United States, and returning his said warrant into the Treasury of the United States, the President of the United States shall be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to issue

Under what  
restrictions.

letters-patent in the name, and under the seal of the United States, thereby granting and conveying to the said Ephraim Kimberly, the three hundred acres of land that shall be so located and surveyed.

APPROVED, April 18, 1794.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act allowing Lieutenant-Colonel Tousard an equivalent for his pension for life.*

April 30, 1794.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be allowed to Lieutenant-Colonel Tousard three thousand six hundred dollars, in full discharge of his pension of three hundred and sixty dollars for life.

Allowance to Lt.-Col. Tousard.

APPROVED, April 30, 1794.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act for the remission of the duties on eleven hogsheads of Coffee which have been destroyed by fire.*

May 9, 1794.

Whereas, eleven hogsheads of coffee were imported in the brig Jason from Cape François, by two French citizens, to the port of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in November last, and the duties thereon secured to be paid by Messieurs Elliott and Purviance of the same port: And whereas, the said eleven hogsheads of coffee were afterwards on account of the same importers shipped to the port of Baltimore, and there, in the night of the seventh day of January last, destroyed by fire:

*Be it therefore enacted, &c.*, That the duties paid or payable to the United States, on the same eleven hogsheads of coffee, be and the same are hereby remitted; and it shall be the duty of the collector of the port of Norfolk and Portsmouth, to refund the same duties if they have been received.

Remission of certain duties to Messrs. Elliott & Purviance.

APPROVED, May 9, 1794.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act providing for the payment of certain expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, on public account.*

May 19, 1794.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the President of the United States be authorized and requested to direct the payment, out of the fund provided for the intercourse with foreign nations, of all just and reasonable expenses incurred by Fulwar Skipwith, in relieving the wants, and facilitating the return of the seamen belonging to the vessels of the said states, lately taken or condemned in the British West-India islands, under orders from the king of Great Britain; the said expenses having first been ascertained by the accounting officers of the treasury department, who are hereby authorized to liquidate the same.

Payment of certain expenses incurred by F. Skipwith. To be ascertained by treasury department.

APPROVED, May 19, 1794.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXX.—*An Act for the relief of Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong.*

May 19, 1794.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That it shall and may be lawful for the collector for the district of New York, to remit to Reuben Smith and Nathan Strong, owners of the ship James of New York, or to any other person interested therein, the duties and imposts of tonnage, which may be incurred, in consequence of the incompetent or invalid register of the said ship: *Provided*, they shall obtain, within one hundred and twenty days, a new register for the said ship, in the manner prescribed by law.

Collector of New York to remit certain duties.

On what condition.

APPROVED, May 19, 1794.

## STATUTE I.

May 31, 1794.

Allowance to  
A. St. Clair in  
settlement of  
his accounts.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act to compensate Arthur St. Clair.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the accounting officers of the treasury, in the settlement of the accounts of Arthur St. Clair, allow him for his expenses while going from New York to Fort Pitt, and till his return to New York, between November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, at the rate of five dollars per diem. That he be further allowed, at the rate of five dollars per day, from the tenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, to the third day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, being the time he was employed in the business of Indian treaties, and till the delivery of the said treaties to the President of the United States. That he be allowed interest on the balance which shall be found due to him. That he be credited the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars advanced by him to Major Hamtramck, on public account, and that Major Hamtramck be chargeable therewith.

APPROVED, May 31, 1794.

## STATUTE I.

June 4, 1794.

Lewis Dubois  
allowed emolu-  
ments of de-  
ranged colonel  
in the late army.

Register to  
grant certificate.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act to authorize the settlement of the account of Lewis Dubois for his services in the late army of the United States.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be, and he hereby is required to adjust the accounts of Lewis Dubois, as a colonel deranged in the line of the late army of the United States, upon the principles of the act of the late Congress, of the third of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and to allow him the usual commutation of half pay, for life, of a colonel: And that the Register of the Treasury be, and he hereby is required to grant a certificate for the amount of the balance due to him.

APPROVED, June 4, 1794.

## STATUTE I.

June 4, 1794.

The collector  
of Pennsylvania  
to take bond, &c.  
for teas import-  
ed in the ship  
Argonaut, or re-  
ceive deposit, &c.

The collector  
to permit the ex-  
portation of the  
teas under like  
regulations as  
other teas, &c.

The collector  
to permit the ex-  
portation of su-  
gars, &c. saved  
out of the snow  
Freelove, &c.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to extend the term of credit for teas imported in the ship Argonaut; and to permit the export of goods saved out of the wreck of the snow Freelove.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the collector of the district of Pennsylvania be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to take bond, with sufficient surety, for the payment of the duties accruing on teas, imported into the said district in the ship Argonaut, Victor Chabert, commander, from China, payable on the fifteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, or to receive, on deposit, such of the said teas as may be tendered, for that purpose, as security for the said duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said collector be authorized to permit the said teas, or any part thereof, to be exported, under the like regulations as other teas are permitted to be exported, at any time before the fifteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the collector aforesaid be authorized and directed to permit the exportation of any sugars, coffee, cocoa, or molasses, saved out of the snow Freelove, cast away on Cape Hatteras, as may be required by the owners thereof, under the like regulations and provisions as goods of a like kind are permitted to be exported, and to allow the drawbacks thereon, as if the same had been directly imported into the district of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED, June 4, 1794.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the relief of John Robbe.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the department of war be, and he hereby is required to place on the invalid list, John Robbe, wounded in the late war while in the service of the United States, at the rate of two dollars and a half per month, to commence on the twenty-first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the arrears of the said pension be paid as the laws direct in similar cases.

APPROVED, June 4, 1794.

STATUTE I.  
June 4, 1794.  
Sec. of War  
to place John  
Robbe on pen-  
sion list.

To be paid  
agreeably to  
law.

STATUTE I.  
June 7, 1794.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the remission of the duties on certain distilled spirits destroyed by fire.*

Whereas, Jabez Rogers, junior, who had erected large works at Middlebury, in the State of Vermont, for distilling spirits from the produce of the country, has had the same twice destroyed by fire, with a quantity of spirits therein, on which, by law, duties had become payable to the United States: And whereas, considering the equity of the case, said duties ought to be remitted; therefore,

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the duties payable to the United States on all such distilled spirits, as shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the supervisor of the district of Vermont, to have been destroyed by fire in the distilleries lately burnt at Middlebury in the State of Vermont, be and are hereby remitted.

APPROVED, June 7, 1794.

Remission of  
certain duties to  
Jabez Rogers.

STATUTE I.  
June 7, 1794.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act to make provision for the widow and orphan children of Robert Forsyth.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the sum of two thousand dollars be allowed to the widow of Robert Forsyth, late marshal of the district of Georgia, for the use of herself and the children of the said Robert Forsyth, to be paid in equal proportions, out of any moneys in the treasury of the United States not heretofore appropriated.

APPROVED, June 7, 1794.

Allowance to  
the widow and  
orphans of Ro-  
bert Forsyth.

STATUTE I.  
June 7, 1794.

CHAP. LX.—*An Act for the relief of Nicholas Rieb.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the accountant of the war department be directed to adjust and settle the account of Peter Rieb, minor, son to Nicholas Rieb, late an artificer in Colonel Benjamin Flowers' regiment in the service of the United States, from the first of May, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, being the time of his enlistment, until the twenty-second day of August, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, when he left the regiment and went on board a ship of war, with the approbation of the agent of the war office; on the same principles on which the accounts of those who served in the same corps were adjusted and settled.

APPROVED, June 7, 1794.

Accountant  
in War depart-  
ment to settle  
account of  
Peter Rieb.