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w the fourth of March, o. dred and eighty-nine.

NELUSION of the ACT NAGE of SHIPS or VESSELS, and on GOODS, WARES and MERCHANDISE, imported into the United States.

A - C gold or filver coin only, at the fol-Portugal, and all other gold coin of finencis, at eighty-nine cents for every pennyright. The Mexican dollar at one hundred cents; crown of France at one dollar and eleven cents; crown of England at one dollar and eleven cents; dall filver coins of equal fineness at one dollar and

And be it further enocited, That all the drawbacks ald by law on the exportation of goods, wares and erchandife, imported, shall be paid or allowed by the lector at whose office the said goods, wares and mertaining one per centum for the benefit of the United

PROVIDED ALWAYA, and be it further enacted, That goods, wares or merchandise, entitled to drawback, be reladen before an entry shall be made with the ith one or more sufficient sureties, that the same, or v part thereof, shall not be relanded in any port or ce within the limits of the United States, as settled the shall and may be lawful for the collector to rethe fuch further proof as the nature of the cale may merchandffe, imported, thall be entitled to a drawollecter, naval-officer or furveyor, of the port. And be it further englied, That the fums allowed to

e paid by law on the expertation of dried or pickled and of falted provisions, shall be paid by the cole of the port or district from whence the same be exported: PROVIDED, That due entry therethall be first made and bonds given, as in cale of teks, and that no fuch allowance that be made,

drawback the duties, or to obtain any allowance even by law on the exportation thereof, that be see within the limits of the United e vessel from which such goods shall be landed, somable cause of seizure, the same court to erions concerned therein, shall, on indistment and such case the claimant shall a vefiels or boats used in landing a months: and for discovery of frauds, and for, be liable goods, wares and merchandise, relanded of such seizure or profecution. Provided, to law, the several officers effeblined by this ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandile; be after

act shall have the same powers, and in case of seizure judgment forthwith returned to such el the same proceedings shall be had, as in the case of ants, his or their agents goods, wares and merchandise, imported contrary to law: action or prosecution shall be And for measuring, weighing and gauging, goods for der this act, unless the same shall ha exportation, the same sees shall be allowed as in like

cases upon the importation thereof. And be it further enacted, That if any officer of the customs shall, directly or indirectly, take or receive goods, wares or merchandise, which shall be con-any bribe, reward or recompence, for conniving, or demned by virtue of this act, shall be sold by the proshall connive at a false entry of any ship or vessel, or ND be it further enacted, That the of any goods, wares or merchandile, and shall be duties and fees to be collected by vir- thereof convicted, every such officer shall forseit and tue of this act, shall be received in pay a sum not less than two hundred, nor more than two thousand dollars for each offence, and be for ever lowing rates, that is to fay, the gold disabled from holding any office of trust or profit under coins of France, England, Spain and the United States; and any person giving or offering any bribe, recompence or reward, for any fuch deception, collusion or fraud, shall forteit and pay a sum not less than two hundred, nor more than two thousand dollars for each offence: And in all cases where an oath or affirmation is by this act required from a mafter or other person, having command of a ship or vesfel, or from an owner or confignee of goods, wares and mercandile, if the person to swearing or affirming shall swear or affirm falsely, such person shall, on indictment and conviction thereof, be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court landife, were originally entered, and not otherwise, before whom the conviction shall be had, so as the fine shall not exceed one thousand dollars, and the term of imprisonment shall not exceed twelve months.

And be it further enacted, That all penalties accruing by any breach of this act, shall be sued for and recovered with costs of suit, in the name of the United for of the port from whence such goods are in- States, in any court proper to try the same, by the colended to be exported; which entry shall contain a lector of the district where the same accrued, and not particular account of the casks and packages, their otherwise, unless in cases of penalty relating to an ofmarks, numbers and contents, the cost thereof, the vef- ficer of the customs; and such collector shall be, and d or vessels in which they were imported, and the - hereby is authorised and directed to sue for and proseface or places imported from; and the person or per- cute the same to effect, and to distribute and pay the ons intending to export fuch goods, shall give bond, sum recovered, after first deducting all necessary costs and charges, according to law. And all ships or vet- pressed. fels, goods, wares and merchandise, which shall become forfeit by virtue of this act, shall be seized, lithe late treaty of peace; and shall moreover make oath belled and prosecuted, as aforesaid, in the proper court affirmation as to the truth of the entry, that the having cognizance thereof; and the court shall cause oods, wares and merchandise, are in quantity, quali- fourteen days notice to be given of such seizure and liand value, as therein expressed, according to the in- bel, by causing the substance of such libel, with the ward entry thereof, which entry was duly made at the order of the court thereon, setting forth the time and time of importation pursuant to the directions of this place appointed for trial, to be interted in some public act; and that the quality is the same as at the time of news-paper, nearest the place of seizure, and also by importation; and the exporter of fuch goods shall not posting up the same in the most public manner for the be entitled to drawback the duties, until at least six space of fourteen days, at or near the place of trial; months after the exportation thereof, and until he shall and proclamation shall be made in such manner as the produce to the collector, with whom such outward en- court shall direct; and it no person shall appear to by is made, a certificate in writing of two reputable claim such ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandise, merchants, at the foreign port or place in which the the same shall be adjudged to be forfeited; but if any ame were landed, together with the oath or affirmation person shall appear before such judgment of forseiture, the matter and mate of the vessel in which they and claim any such ship or vessel goods, wares or merwere exported, certifying the delivery thereof; but in chandife, and shall give bond to defend the prosecution ale any vessel shall be cast away, or meet with such thereof, and to respond the cost in case he shall not unavoidable accidents as to prevent the landing such support his claim, the court shall proceed to hear and eds, a protest in due form of law, made by the mas- determine the cause according to law: And upon the er and mate, or some of the seamen, or in case no prayer of any claimant to the court, that any ship or then protest can be had, then the oath or affirmation of vesiel, goods, wares or merchandise, so seized and prothe exporter shall be received in lieu of the other proofs secuted, or any part thereof should be delivered to such trein directed, unless there shall be good reason to claimant, it shall be lawful for the court to appoint Mpect the truth of fuch oath or affirmation, in which three proper persons to appraise such ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandise, who shall be sworn in open court for the faithful discharge of their duty-; emand. Provided Also, That no goods, wares and fuch appraisement shall be made at the expence of the party on whose prayer it is granted; and on the back of the duties paid or secured to be paid thereon, return of such appraisement, if the claimant shall, unless such duties shall amount to twenty dollars at the with one or more sureties, to be approved of by the east; nor unless they shall be exported in the same court, execute a bond in the usual form, to the United package or packages, and from the port or dif. States, for the payment of a fum equal to the fum at nd into which they were originally imported, and which the thip or veffel, goods, wares or merchandite, porcover shall be reladen under the inspection of the so prayed to be delivered, be appraised, the court shall by rule order such ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandise, to be delivered to the said claimant, and the faid bond shal! be lodged with the proper officer of the court; and if judgment shall pass in favour of the claimant, the court shall cause the said bond to be cancelled; but if judgment shall pass against the claimant, as to the whole or any part of fuch ship or vessel, goods, wares or merchandise, and the claimant shall is it shall amount to there dollars at the least upon not within twenty days thereafter pay into the court the amount of the appraised value of such ship or vessel, merchandise, entered for exportation, with a view costs, the bondsshall be put in suit: And when any rofecution shall be commenced on acc claimants; if it shall appear to the such profecution than be tried, the proper certificate or entry to be me term not shall the per

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was incurred. further enacted, That all thips, vessels, And be it per officer of the court in which such condemnation shall be had, to the highest bidder at public auction; by order of such court, and at such place as the court may appoint, giving at least fifteen days notice (except in case of perishable goods) in one or more of the publie news-papers of the place where fuch fale shall be; or if no paper is published in such place; in one or more of the papers published in the nearest place

And be it further enacted, That all penalties, fines and forfeitures, recovered by virtue of this act (and not otherwise appropriated) shall, after deducting all proper costs and charges, be disposed of as follows:-One moiety shall be for the use of the United States. and paid into the treasury thereof; the other moiety shall be divided into three equal parts, and paid to the collector, naval-officer and furveyor, of the diffrict wherein the same shall have been incurred; and in such districts where only two of the aforefaid officers shall have been established, the said moiery shall be equally divided between them; and in fuch districts where only one of the aforefaid officers shall have been established, the said moiety shall be given to such officer: PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, I hat in all cases where such penalties, fines and forfeitures, shall be tecovered, in pursuance of information given to such collector, by any person, other than the said naval-officer and surveyor, the one half of such moiety shall be given to the informer, and the remainder thereof shall be disposed of between the collector, naval-officer and surveyor, in manner and form as above limited and ex-

AND WHEREAS, The states of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations, and North-Carolina, have not as yet ratified the present constitution of the United States, by reason whereof this act doth not extend to the collecting of duties within either of the faid two states, and it is thereby become necessary that the following provision with respect to goods, wares or n erchandite, imported from either of the faid two ltates should for the present take place;

Be it therefore further enacied, That all goods, wares and merchandife, not of their own growth or manu? facture, which shall be imported from either of the said two states of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations, or North Carolina, into any other port or place within the limits of the United States, as settled by the late treaty of peace, shall be subject to the like duties, feizures and forfeitures, as goods, wares or merchandife, imported from any state or country without the faid limits.

And be it further enacted, That no goods, wares of merchandise, of foreign growth or manufacture, subject to the payment of duties, shall be brought into the United States, in any other manner than by sea, now in any ship or vessel less than thirty tuns burthen, except within the district of Louisville, and except also in fuch vessels as are now actually on their voyages; nor shall be landed or unladen at any other place than is by this act directed, under the penalty of feizure and forfeiture of all fuch vessels, goods, wares or merchandise, brought in, landed or unladen, in any other man ner. And all goods, wares and merchandife; brought into the United States by land, contrary to this acts shall be forfeited, together with the carriages, horses, and oxen, that shall be employed in conveying the

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaken of the house of representatives. JOHN ADAMS, Vice-president of the United States, and president of the senate.

Approved - July 31, 1789. GEORGE WASHINGTON, President of the UNITED STATES.

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