

**... An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers who have been wounded or disabled in the actual service of the United States. [Followed by] An act for the relief of Joze Roiz Silva. [Philadelphia, 1796].**

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Fourth Congress OF THE UNITED STATES: AT THE FIRST SESSION, Begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the seventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

AN ACT

*For the relief of certain officers and soldiers who have been wounded or disabled in the actual service of the United States.*

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled , That every commissioned, non-commissioned officer, private or musician, who has been wounded or disabled, while in the line of his duty, in actual service, called out by authority of any law of the United States, while he belonged to the militia; or any volunteer not belonging to the militia, who has been wounded or disabled, while in the line of his duty, in actual service, as aforesaid, shall be placed on the list of invalids of the United States, at such rate of pay, and under such regulations, as shall be directed by the President of the United States for the time being: *Provided* , the rate of compensation for such wounds and disabilities shall never exceed, for the highest disabilities, half the monthly pay received by any commissioned officer, at the time of being so wounded or disabled, and that the rate of compensation to non-commissioned officers, privates and musicians, shall never exceed five dollars per month; and that all inferior disabilities shall entitle the person so disabled, to receive only a sum in proportion to the highest disability: *And provided* , that these provisions shall not be construed to extend to any person wounded or disabled, before the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, nor to any person wounded or disabled since that time, who has made application for a pension, under any existing law of the United States, and has been denied, or admitted on the pension list: *And provided* , that all applications herein shall be made within one year after the end of the present session of Congress.*

JONATHAN DAYTON, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*

Approved —March the twenty-third 1796.

G o : WASHINGTON, *President of the United States*

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passing of this act, to receive from Joze Roiz Silva, of the city of New-York, merchant, invoices and other proofs respecting the value of a cargo of wines imported by him into the said district, in or about the month of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, in the brig Mary, William Hopper, master, from the island of Graciosa; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said collector, that the said cargo, or any part thereof, was subject to a less duty than that charged to, and paid by the said Joze Roiz Silva therefor, then, and in such case, the said collector is hereby required to allow or refund to the said Joze Roiz Silva such excess or sum as shall appear to have been overcharged and paid on the same, in like manner, as if such invoices and proofs had been produced in due time.

JONATHAN DAYTON, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*

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Deposited among the Rolls, in the office of the department of State.

Timothy Pickeriny *Secretary of State.*

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