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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

Regulating the grants of land appropriated for military service, and for the society of the United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the heathen.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Surveyor General be, and he is hereby required to cause to be surveyed the tract of land beginning at the north west corner of the seven ranges of townships, and running thence fifty miles due south, along the western boundary of the said ranges; thence due west to the main branch of the Scioto river; thence up the main branch of the said river, to the place where the Indian boundary line crosses the same; thence along the said boundary line, to the Tuscaroras branch of the Muskingum river, at the crossing place above Fort Lawrence; thence up the said river, to the point, where a line, run due west from the place of beginning, will intersect the said river; thence along the line so run to the place of beginning; and shall cause the said tracts to be divided into townships of five miles square, by running, marking and numbering the exterior lines of the said townships, and marking corners in the said lines, at the distance of two and one half miles from each other, in the manner directed by the act, intituled “An act providing for the rates of the lands of the United States, in the territory north-west of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river;”

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and that the lands above described, except the salt springs therein, and the same quantities of land adjacent thereto, as are directed to be reserved with the salt springs, in the said recited act, and such tracts within the boundaries of the same, as have been heretofore appropriated by Congress, be, and they are hereby set apart and reserved for the purposes herein-after mentioned.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said land shall be granted only in tracts containing a quarter of the township to which they belong, lying at the corners thereof; and that the Secretary of the Treasury shall, for the space of nine months, after public notice in the several states and territories, register warrants for military services, to the amount of any one or more tracts, for any person or persons holding the same; and shall immediately after the expiration of the said time, proceed to determine, by lot, to be drawn in the presence of the Secretaries of State and of War, the priority of location of the said registered warrants; and the person or persons holding the same, shall severally make their locations, after the lots shall be proclaimed, on a day to be previously fixed in the before-mentioned notice; in failure of which, they shall be postponed in locating such warrants, to all other persons holding registered warrants: And the patents for all lands located under the authority of this act, shall be granted in the manner directed by the before mentioned act, without requiring any fee therefor.

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Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That after the time limited for making the locations, as aforesaid, any person or persons holding warrants of the before mentioned description, sufficient to cover any one or more tracts, as aforesaid, shall be at liberty to make their locations, on any tract or tracts not before located.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all the lands set apart by the first section of this act, which shall remain unlocated on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred, shall be released from the said reservation, and shall be at the free disposition of the United States, in like manner as any other vacant territory of the United States. And all warrants or claims for lands on account of military services, which shall not, before the day aforesaid, be registered and located, shall be forever barred.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Surveyor General be, and he is hereby required, to cause to be surveyed, three several tracts of land, containing four thousand acres each, at Shoenbrun, Gnaden-hutten, and Salem; being the tracts formerly set apart, by an ordinance of Congress of the third of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, for the society of United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the heathen; and to issue a patent or patents for

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the said three tracts to the said society, in trust, for the uses and purposes in the said ordinance set forth.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all navigable streams or rivers within the territory to be disposed of, by virtue of this act, shall be deemed to be and remain public highways. And that in all cases, where the opposite banks of any stream not navigable shall belong to different persons, the stream and the bed thereof shall be common to both.

JONATHAN DAYTON *Speaker of the House of Representatives*.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE *President of the Senate, pro tempore*.

Approved —June the first 1796.

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

AN ACT

For the admission of the state of Tennessee into the union.

WHEREAS by the acceptance of the deed of cession of the state of North Carolina, Congress are bound to lay out into one or more states, the territory thereby ceded to the United States.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the whole of the territory ceded to the United States by the state of North Carolina, shall be one state, and the same is hereby declared to be one of the United States of America, on an equal footing with the original states, in all respects whatever, by the name and title of the state of Tennessee. That until the next general census, the said state of Tennessee shall be entitled to one Representative in the House of Representatives of the United States; and in all other respects, as far as they may be applicable, the laws of the United States shall extend to, and have force in the state of Tennessee, in the same manner, as if that state had originally been one of the United States.

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

SAMUEL LIVERMORE, *President of the Senate, pro tempore*.

Approved —June the first 1796.

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

AN ACT

Limiting the time for the allowance of drawback on the exportation of domestic distilled spirits, and allowing a drawback upon such spirits exported in vessels of less than thirty tons, by the Mississippi.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July next, no drawback shall be allowed on any of the spirits distilled in the United States, which shall not be exported, pursuant to regulations heretofore enacted, and in force, within twelve months from the time when such spirits were distilled, to be ascertained by the dates of the certificates which may and ought to accompany the said spirits, at the time of exportation.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the restriction in the fifty sixth section of the act, intituled, "An act, repealing after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also, upon spirits distilled in the United States, and for appropriating the same," shall, from and after the first day of July next, be suspended and cease to operate for the space of one year, so far as the said restriction respects any distilled spirits which may be exported from the district of Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, or from any district which may be hereafter established on the rivers Mississippi or Ohio, or the branches thereof.

JONATHAN DAYTON *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

SAMUEL LIVERMORE *President of the Senate, pro tempore.*

Approved —June the first 1796.

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AN ACT

To suspend, in part, the act, intituled "An act to alter and amend the act, intituled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar."

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the act intituled, "An act to alter and amend the act, intituled "An act laying certain duties upon snuff and refined sugar," as respects the duties therein laid upon mills and implements employed in the manufacture of snuff, and the drawbacks therein allowed

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upon the exportation of snuff manufactured within the United States, be suspended, from the passing of this act, until the end of the next session of Congress.

JONATHAN DAYTON *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

SAMUEL LIVERMORE *President of the Senate, pro tempore.*

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AN ACT

Providing passports for the ships and vessels of the United States.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to prepare a form, which, when approved by the President, shall be deemed the form of a passport for ships and vessels of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every ship and vessel of the United States, going to any foreign country, shall, before she departs from the United States, at the request of the master, be furnished by the collector for the district, where such ship or vessel may be, with a passport of the form prescribed and established, pursuant to the foregoing section; for which passport, the master of such ship or vessel shall pay to the said collector, ten dollars, to be accounted for by him; and in order to be entitled to such passport, the master of every such ship or vessel shall be bound with sufficient sureties, to the Treasurer of the United States, in the penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned, that the said passport shall not be applied to the use or protection of any other ship or vessel, than the one described in the same; and that, in case of the loss or sale of any ship or vessel having such passport, the same shall, within three months, be delivered up to the collector from whom it was received, if the loss or sale take place within the United States; or within six months, if the same shall happen at any place nearer than the Cape of Good-Hope; and within eighteen months, if at a more distant place.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be paid on every ship and vessel of the United States sailing or trading to any foreign country, other than some port or place in America, for each and every voyage, the sum of four dollars, to be received and accounted for, by the collector, at the time of clearing outward, if such vessel be bound direct to such foreign country, from any port of the

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United States, or at the time of entry in the United States, if such ship or vessel shall have failed to such foreign country, from any port or place in America, other than of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any ship or vessel of the United States shall depart therefrom, after the first day of September next, and shall be bound to any foreign country, other than to some port or place in America, without such passport, the master of such ship or vessel shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars for every such offence.

JONATHAN DAYTON *Speaker of the House of Representatives*.

SAMUEL LIVERMORE *President of the Senate, pro tempore*.

Approved —June the first 1796.

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Timothy Pickering *Secretary of State*.

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