

**IMPORTED.**  
In the British ship Douglas, capt. Walker, from London, just arrived.  
Cannon—Woolwich proof 9 lb caliber, bored from the solid weighing 16 cwt, 2 qrs, and 2 lbs. each  
Ditto of 6 lb caliber, wt. 12 cwt, 2 qrs, each.  
Ditto of 4 lb caliber, wt. 8 cwt, 2 qrs, each.  
Cannon shot, viz. Cansivier, 2 bar and round 30 calibers—muskets, fowling pieces and musket-ions  
Ship Store, Horsmen's and Saddle Pistols,  
A large assortment of Flint,  
150 casks Porter, Brown Stout in Bottles,  
Furniture stoves assorted from 20 to 40 inches diameter  
40 Casks Shot, No. 1, to 6,  
3000 Bushels Coals,  
50 Casks Window Glass  
100 Crates and 10 hds. Queens Ware adapted to the West India Market.  
6 bales Whitney blankets 8-4 and 10-4  
For sale by  
**THOMAS & JOHN KETLAND.**  
Walnut Street Wharf.

March 16, 1799  
**Who have also on hand,**  
Claret in casks, first quality,  
Old Port Wine,  
Horsmen's Swords, hangers, &c.  
Dry White Lead,  
Ironmongery and webbing by the package,  
Bolton Bees,  
A case of bell toll ornaments,  
Painted floor cloths,  
English quart bottles in crates of 12 dozen each,  
Ruffia bar iron, Hemp and cordage,  
Cables from 7 to 16 inches,  
Plattis and Britzagnes,  
A few trunks bell kid and morocco skins,  
Basket in hds.

**To holders of unseated LANDS in Lycoming county.**

**WHEREAS** divers persons, intending to enter their Lands with us, the commissioners of said county, according to Law, have transmitted to us imperfect statements of their Lands, whereby we are unable to distinguish them on the general returns of the deputy surveyors: we hereby notify all persons holding unseated Lands in the county aforesaid, who are desirous of entering their Lands with us according to Law, that they transmit to us a statement, setting the names of the warrantees, numbers and dates of the warrants, the quality surveyed upon each, and the name of the deputy who surveyed the Lands. Such a statement forwarded to the post-office at the town of Northumberland, post paid, will be duly attended to by us, and the owner speedily furnished with an account of his taxes.  
Those persons who do not enter their Lands as aforesaid, and pay their taxes, within three months from this notification, an interest of one per cent per month, will be charged upon the defaulters as the original warrantors, of which the commissioners are in possession of accurate Lists for the whole county.  
**WILLIAM WILSON,**  
**HENRY DONNEL,** } commissioners  
**THOMAS FORSTER,**  
march 13 95

William Wilson, one of the commissioners is now in the city where he will remain until the 18th inst.—Any person wishing to enter their Lands may make application to him at Wm. Elliot's, Cross Keys, North Fourth Street.

**A Meeting of the Creditors of HENRY BANKS,** is requested on Thursday next, the 14th inst., at the house of Mrs. Nicholas, sign of the Condole's Waggon, in Market Street, at 6 o'clock in the evening.  
**Joseph Ball,** } Trustees  
**John Baker,**  
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**FOR SALE**  
**A House and Lot in Trenton,**  
The house is of brick, two stories high, four rooms on a floor, and in good order.—For further particulars enquire of Ab. Hunt, in Trenton, or of  
**JOHN E. CRESSON,**  
No. 54, Market Street.  
march 9 3awtm

**ROBBERY.**  
**SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD.**  
**THE Cellar of the Subscribers**  
Warehouse was broke open in the night between the 7th and 8th inst. from whence was taken a Trunk marked F. No. 7, matted and corded as it came from London; containing  
14 drab coloured cloth cardinals  
60 shariet do.  
Some of them plain, and others bound with gimp and ermine. ALSO,  
4 pieces of fancy striped callimancoes.  
Thirty dollars will be paid for the discovery of the perpetrators of the robbery when convicted, and thirty dollars for recovery of the goods.  
**THOMAS & JOSHUA FISHER.**  
3d month 9. dot

**Nankeens.**  
10,000 pieces Nankeens, entitled to drawback,  
7 bales Blue Gurrahs,  
2 bales Checks,  
**FOR SALE BY**  
**SAMUEL HAYS,**  
No. 8c, South Third Street.  
march 14 46t

**NOTICE.**  
**THE** Following certificates of shares of the stock of the Bank of the United States have been lost or destroyed, to wit 13 shares in the name of Peter Blight, of which 5 shares No. 4185, 5 shares No. 4186, and 3 shares No. 4187, and 6 shares in the name of John Barker Church, No. 2058, which were forwarded by the Countess of Leicester packet from Falmouth for New-York;—and ten shares of said stock in the name of Stadniski & Son, of Amsterdam, No. 1796, which were forwarded by the Packet from Falmouth for New-York in November 1794; and for the renewal of which application is made at the said Bank, and all persons concerned are desired to take notice.  
march 12 3am

**Boarding & Lodging.**  
**THREE** or four Gentlemen may be accommodated with general boarding and lodging in a small family, and upon reasonable terms, by applying at No. 12, Pear Street.  
march 15 5

**All Persons**  
Indebted to the Estate of HENRY HILL, deceased are requested to make payment to the subscriber and those having any demands on the same to produce their accounts for settlement.  
**GIDEON H. WELLS,**  
Agent to the Ex:  
no. 135, Market Street  
Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1798 cotf

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**

March 11th, 1799.  
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
Pursuant to the act of Congress passed on the 11th day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, entitled "an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the society of United Brethren for propagating the gospel among the Heathen;" and the act supplementary to the said recited act passed on the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine—to wit:  
I.  
THAT the tract of Land herein after described, namely, "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 down 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;" has been divided into townships of five miles square, and fractional parts of townships; and that plats and surveys of the said townships and fractional parts of townships are deposited in the offices of the Register of the Treasury and Surveyor General, for the inspection of all persons concerned.

II.  
The holders of such warrants as have been or shall be granted for military services performed during the late war, are required to present the same to the Register of the Treasury, at some time prior to the twelfth day of February in the year, one thousand eight hundred; for the purpose of being registered; No registry will however be made of any less quantity than a quarter township, or four thousand acres.  
III.  
The priority of location of the warrants which may be presented and registered in manner aforesaid, prior to the 12th day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred, will immediately after the said day, be determined by lot, in the mode described by the act first recited.  
IV.  
The holders of registered warrants, shall on Monday the 17th day of February, in the year 1800, in the order of which the priority of location shall be determined by lot as aforesaid, personally, or by their agents, designate in writing at the office of the Register of the Treasury, the particular quarter townships elected by them respectively, and such of the said holders as shall not designate their locations on the said day, shall be postponed in locating such warrants to all other holders of registered warrants.  
V.  
The holders of warrants for military services sufficient to cover one or more quarter townships or tracts of four thousand acres each; shall, at any time after Monday the 17th day of February, 1800 and prior to the first day of January, 1802, be allowed to register the said warrants in manner aforesaid, and forthwith to make locations thereon on any tract or tracts of land not before located.  
VI.  
All warrants or claims for lands on account of military services, which shall not be registered and located before the first day of January, 1802, are by the supplementary act of Congress herein before recited, passed on the second day of March, 1799, declared to be forever barred.  
Given under my hand at Philadelphia, the day and year above mentioned.  
**OLIVER WOLCOTT,**  
Sec. of the Treasury.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**  
March 5th, 1799.  
**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,**  
THAT by an act of Congress passed the 28th day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, the following alterations and amendments have been made to an act passed on the sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, intitled, "An act laying duties upon stamped vellum, parchment and paper."  
I.  
The stamp duties heretofore imposed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading are to cease and determine from and after the 31st day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.  
II.  
The several stamp duties hereafter enumerated will be levied and collected throughout the United States, from and after the 31st day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.  
For every skin, or piece of vellum or parchment or sheet or piece of paper, upon which shall be written or printed either of the instruments or writings following, to wit:  
Dolls. Cts.  
Any foreign bill of exchange, draft or order for the payment of money in any foreign country, 40  
Any note or bill of lading, or writing or receipt in nature thereof, for goods or merchandise to be exported;—if from one district to another district of the United States, not being in the same state, 4  
If from the United States to any foreign port or place, 10  
Any policy of insurance, or instrument in the nature thereof, other than those heretofore specified in the above recited act, when the sum insured shall not exceed five hundred dollars, 25  
When the sum insured shall exceed five hundred dollars, 40  
And the said Duties are chargeable upon each and every Bill of Exchange and Bill of Lading without respect to the number contained in each set.  
III.  
Bonds required in any case by the Laws of the United States, or of any state, upon legal process, or in any judicial proceeding, or for the faithful performance of any trust or duty are exempt from the payment of Stamp-Duties.  
Given under my hand at Philadelphia, the day and year above mentioned.  
**OLIVER WOLCOTT,**  
Secretary of the Treasury.  
march 7 dtm

**FOR SALE,**  
Creas a la Morlaix,  
Dowlas, whole pieces, } Entitled to drawback.  
Ditto, half pieces, }  
Brown Plattis,  
Holland Glass-ware,  
Brandy, 4th proof.  
Rice,  
Ruffian horse hair, curled and uncurled,  
Ditto deck nail rods.  
**ISAAC H. ZIEHURST & SON.**  
dttw  
March 16.  
A neat pocket edition of the  
**Constitution of the United States,**  
Together with the Amendments, may be had at this office—Price 25 Cents.  
M. Feb 11.

**BALL.**

**M. R. and Mrs. BYRNE** respectfully inform the **LADIES** and Gentlemen of Philadelphia that their **BALL** will be on Tuesday the 19th inst. at O'eller's Hotel. In the course of the evening several **New Cullions** and **Country Dances** will be introduced.  
march 14.

**Weavers.**  
**SEVERAL WEAVERS** may find employment by applying to Isaac T. Hopper, No. 39, Pine Street.  
3 mo. 15th 1799.

**A genteel House to Rent,**  
Situate in Spruce, between 4th & 5th streets  
IT is accommodated with extensive back buildings, three stories in height, two pumps in the yard—one of excellent water and the other in a Rain Cistern. Apply at No. 109, Spruce Street.  
march 16 dtct

**Last India Company of N. America.**  
**THE Company** are desirous of purchasing immediately, a substantial well built fast sailing vessel, completely fitted for sea, a ship already coppered will be preferred; her burthen to be not less than Three Hundred Tons. Any person having such vessel to dispose of, will be pleased to forward their proposals on or before the 15th inst. with a particular description of the vessel, the timber of which she is built, the number of guns she is calculated to carry, and her dimensions, to the secretary of the board of agents, who will receive the same for their consideration.  
Per order of the board,  
**S. BLODGET,** Secretary p. t.  
march 5. dtf

**NOW LANDING,**  
From on board the ship Josephus, H. Kennedy, master, at Rofs's wharf, from the Havana, and for Sale by the subscriber,  
**91 hogheads of prime Molasses,**  
31 tierces of Coffee,  
75 quintals of Logwood.  
Who has also for sale,  
**Bill Madeira WINE**  
of 6 years old, in pipes, hogheads & quarter casks; 1 box of low-priced Irish Linens, Window Glass, Clover Seed, &c. &c.

**SAID SHIP JOSEPHUS,**  
**FOR SALE or CHARTER.**  
**JOHN CRAIG,**  
dtf  
march 11.

**FOR SALE,**  
**A Small Plantation,**  
OF about 116 acres, whereof 34 acres are under Clover of one and two years, including an orchard of ten acres; 26 acres of excellent bottom and upland watered meadow, and about 55 acres of wood land. The remainder is now under the plough, to acres of which are in the best order to receive grass seed next spring.  
It is situated in the Manor of Moreland, Montgomery county, and distant 14 miles from Philadelphia.  
The improvements are a stone Dwelling-House, Kitchen, and pump; a stone Spring-House and Wash-House; a stone Tenant's House; a large Stone Barn and many other useful buildings; and a good Garden fenced round with boards.  
For further particulars apply to  
**P. THOMPSON,** Conveyancer,  
No. 43, Mulberry Street.  
**B. BONSALE,** Dock Street, or  
**J. LAUMOY,** on the Premises.  
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**A NEGRO BOY.**  
**FOR SALE,**  
THE time of a likely Negro Boy, about ten years old—he is healthy and active, and has been accustomed to waiting, &c.—Enquire of the  
march 16. eodtf

**FOR SALE,**  
**50,000 Acres of LAND,**  
**LYING** in the county of Russell, state of Virginia, bounded on the east by the river Clinch, on the south by the river Gueff, and to the west by Sandy river. This tract (situate six miles from the Courthouse of the above county, 25 from the town of Abington, is well settled, and has likewise the advantage of a wagon road) is divided into tracts of 20, 5 and 1500 acres each, and will be sold, altogether, or in lots, as it may suit the purchasers, by one of the owners who will reside there during the months of May, June and July next, in order to put them who may become purchasers in possession.  
The plots duly authenticated and certified by the surveyors, are in the hands of the subscribers. Every satisfaction will be given with respect to the right, to which the patents give full and ample testimony. Great accommodations will be made respecting payment, and every necessary information may be had, by applying to  
**F. & A. TUBEUF.**  
22w3m  
Peterburg, Feb. 11.

**George-Town, Potomac.**  
**I WILL** sell one Two Story Brick House and Lot on High Street—One Two Story new Frame House on the same street—One Two Story Frame House in a beautiful situation for a private family. This lot will admit of improvement, being 75 feet front by 150 feet back.—For further particulars enquire of  
**THOMAS Y. SPRIGELL.**  
George-Town.  
Feb. 25. 3aw3w

**The Creditors,**  
**OF HUGH MORISON,** will take notice, that he has applied to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Philadelphia, for the benefit of the act of assembly, passed for the relief of insolvent debtors; and they have appointed Monday the 27th inst at 10 o'clock, A. M. to hear himself and creditors.  
march 7. 18m 25th

**Notice.**  
**THE Creditors of JOHN SHAYER,** of Hopewell township, in the county of Huntingdon, are hereby requested to produce their accounts and demands against him, duly attested, to the subscribers, at the court house in the town of Huntingdon, on Saturday the 20th day of April next.—And all persons indebted to the said John Shayer, are required to make immediate payment to either of the subscribers.—Given under our hands 23d February, 1799.  
**JOHN CADWALLADER,** } Alliances of  
**GEORGE BUCKANON,** } John Shave  
march 15. 1awaw

**Notice.**  
**THE Creditors of John E. Hubbs** may take notice that he has applied to the honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, for the county of Philadelphia, for relief, under the several acts of Assembly passed for the relief of insolvent debtors, and they have appointed Monday the 27th inst to hear him and his creditors.  
march 15. 18m & 31.



**Laws of the United States.**

**By Authority.**

**Fifth Congress of the United States**  
At the Third Session, begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the third of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

**AN ACT**  
To amend the Act intitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States."

**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 intitled "an act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," as requires that the lists to be delivered in pursuance of the ninth section thereof, shall specify in respect to dwelling houses, "the number and dimensions of their windows," shall be, and hereby is repealed.  
Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commissioners under the said act, for each state respectively, shall be, and hereby are authorized to extend the time thereby allowed for receiving appeals by the principal assessors, and also the time so allowed for returning lists by the assistant assessors in all cases where the said commissioners shall deem such extension necessary, and for such time as they shall think expedient, and that so much of the twentieth section of the above mentioned act, as requires all appeals to be made in writing, be, and it is hereby repealed.  
Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the secretary of the Treasury shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered, under the direction of the President of the United States, to augment, in cases where he may find it necessary, the compensations fixed for principal and assistant assessors, by said act, so, however, as that no principal or assistant assessors shall, in any case, receive more than two dollars per day, which additional compensations shall be subject to the same rules of settlement as are established by the aforesaid act respecting the compensations therein fixed for principal and assistant assessors.

**JONATHAN DAYTON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**TH. JEFFERSON,**  
Vice-President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate.  
Approved February 28, 1799.  
**JOHN ADAMS,**  
President of the United States.

**AN ACT**  
To alter the Stamp Duties imposed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act intitled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," and further to amend the same.

**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirty-first day of March next the duties imposed by an act, intitled, "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, shall cease and determine; and from and after the said thirty-first day of March next, there shall be levied and paid throughout the United States, the several stamp duties following, to wit:—On every skin or piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be written or printed any or either of the instruments following to wit:—Any foreign bill of exchange, draft, or order for the payment of money in any foreign country, twenty cents; any note or bill of lading, or writing or receipt in the nature thereof, for any goods or merchandise to be exported, if from one district to another district of the United States, not being in the same state, four cents; if to be exported to any foreign port or place, ten cents; any policy of insurance or instrument in nature thereof, other than those specified in the above recited act, when the sum, for which insurance is made, shall not exceed five hundred dollars, twenty five cents; and when the sum insured shall exceed five hundred dollars, one dollar. And the said duties shall be chargeable upon each and every bill of exchange and bill of lading, without respect to the number contained in a set.  
Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said thirty first day of March, if shall not be lawful for any surveyor, or other person employed for the stamping of vellum, parchment or paper, to stamp any foreign bill of exchange, draft or order, for the payment of money in any foreign country, after the same shall be written or drawn. And if any person or persons, from or after the said thirty first day of March, shall presume to write or draw, or cause to be written or drawn any such foreign bill, draft or order, or any duplicate or triplicate thereof, before the vellum, parchment or paper on which the same shall be drawn, shall be duly stamped, or shall sell, loan, endorse or remit any such foreign bill, draft or order, unless every duplicate, triplicate, and other bill of the same tenor and date, which shall be drawn, or intended to be drawn, shall be first duly stamped; then, and in every such case, the person or persons so offending, shall

for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence.  
Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons, at any time after the said thirty first day of March next, shall knowingly and fraudulently write or engrave, or cause to be written or engraved, the whole or any part of any bond, bill, instrument, or other writing whatsoever, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the acts of Congress, or any of them, on the whole or any part of any piece of vellum, parchment or paper whereon there shall have been before written any other bond, bill, instrument or other writing, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the said acts, or either of them, before such vellum, parchment or paper shall have been again marked or stamped, according to the said acts; or shall fraudulently erase or scrape out, or cause to be erased or scraped out, the name or names of any person or persons, or any sum, date or other thing written in such bond, bill, instrument or writing, or fraudulently cut, tear or get off, any mark or stamp from any piece of vellum, parchment or paper, or part thereof, with intent to use such stamp or mark for any writing or thing, in respect whereof any duty shall be payable by virtue of the said acts, or either of them, that then, so often, and in every such case, every person, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars, and coils of suit.  
Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any writings, matters and things, in respect whereof any of the said duties shall be payable, and which shall be engrossed or written, after the said thirty first day of March next, shall be written at a distance from the stamps or marks which shall, in pursuance of the said acts, or any of them, be placed on the vellum, parchment or paper, whereupon the same shall be written or engrossed, with intent fraudulently to evade the duties imposed by the said acts, or any of them, the person who shall write or engross, or cause to be written or engrossed any such writing, matter or thing, contrary to the tenor and true meaning hereof, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars and full coils of suit.  
Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the duties imposed by this act, shall be levied and collected in the same manner, and by the same persons, and under the same regulations, fines penalties and forfeitures which are provided in and by the acts of Congress now in force, respecting the duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper.—And the said fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be sued for, and recovered in the same manner, and to the same uses, as are provided in the said acts.  
Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no duties shall be levied or collected upon any bonds required in any case by the laws of the United States, or of any state, upon legal process, or in any judicial proceeding, or for the faithful performance of any trust or duty; any thing in the above recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the supervisors shall severally be allowed upon all stamp duties, and upon all fines accruing thereupon, which shall be collected and accounted for by them respectively, the commissions following, to wit: Upon all duties collected from persons other than officers of the revenue, and upon all fines, a commission of four per centum;—upon all duties received from officers of the revenue, or which are collected and duly accounted for by said officers, a commission of one per centum; and that the inspectors of surveys not being also supervisors, shall, severally, be allowed upon all stamp duties, and upon all fines accruing thereupon, which shall be collected and accounted for by them, respectively, a commission of one and an half per centum. And the allowances aforesaid shall extend to the duties and fines which have been heretofore, or may be hereafter collected and accounted for in manner aforesaid, in pursuance of the act, intitled, "An act laying duties upon stamped vellum parchment and paper, as well as to all duties and fines authorized by this act.  
**JONATHAN DAYTON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**TH. JEFFERSON,**  
Vice-President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate.  
Approved February 28, 1799.  
**JOHN ADAMS,**  
President of the United States.

**AN ACT**  
Concerning French citizens that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States.  
**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to exchange or send away from the United States to the dominions of France, as he may deem proper and expedient, all French citizens that have been or may be captured and brought into the United States, in pursuance of the act, intitled "An act in addition to the act more effectually to protect the commerce and coasts of the United States."  
**JONATHAN DAYTON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**TH. JEFFERSON,**  
Vice-President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate.  
Approved, February 28th, 1799.  
**JOHN ADAMS,**  
President of the United States.

**AN ACT**  
To let  
**A Three Story Brick House,**  
With convenient back building—No. 16 South-Fourth Street.  
march 8.

for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence.  
Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons, at any time after the said thirty first day of March next, shall knowingly and fraudulently write or engrave, or cause to be written or engraved, the whole or any part of any bond, bill, instrument, or other writing whatsoever, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the acts of Congress, or any of them, on the whole or any part of any piece of vellum, parchment or paper whereon there shall have been before written any other bond, bill, instrument or other writing, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the said acts, or either of them, before such vellum, parchment or paper shall have been again marked or stamped, according to the said acts; or shall fraudulently erase or scrape out, or cause to be erased or scraped out, the name or names of any person or persons, or any sum, date or other thing written in such bond, bill, instrument or writing, or fraudulently cut, tear or get off, any mark or stamp from any piece of vellum, parchment or paper, or part thereof, with intent to use such stamp or mark for any writing or thing, in respect whereof any duty shall be payable by virtue of the said acts, or either of them, that then, so often, and in every such case, every person, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars, and coils of suit.  
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Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the duties imposed by this act, shall be levied and collected in the same manner, and by the same persons, and under the same regulations, fines penalties and forfeitures which are provided in and by the acts of Congress now in force, respecting the duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper.—And the said fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be sued for, and recovered in the same manner, and to the same uses, as are provided in the said acts.  
Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no duties shall be levied or collected upon any bonds required in any case by the laws of the United States, or of any state, upon legal process, or in any judicial proceeding, or for the faithful performance of any trust or duty; any thing in the above recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.  
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**AN ACT**  
To amend the Act intitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States."

**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 intitled "an act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," as requires that the lists to be delivered in pursuance of the ninth section thereof, shall specify in respect to dwelling houses, "the number and dimensions of their windows," shall be, and hereby is repealed.  
Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commissioners under the said act, for each state respectively, shall be, and hereby are authorized to extend the time thereby allowed for receiving appeals by the principal assessors, and also the time so allowed for returning lists by the assistant assessors in all cases where the said commissioners shall deem such extension necessary, and for such time as they shall think expedient, and that so much of the twentieth section of the above mentioned act, as requires all appeals to be made in writing, be, and it is hereby repealed.  
Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the secretary of the Treasury shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered, under the direction of the President of the United States, to augment, in cases where he may find it necessary, the compensations fixed for principal and assistant assessors, by said act, so, however, as that no principal or assistant assessors shall, in any case, receive more than two dollars per day, which additional compensations shall be subject to the same rules of settlement as are established by the aforesaid act respecting the compensations therein fixed for principal and assistant assessors.

**JONATHAN DAYTON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**TH. JEFFERSON,**  
Vice-President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate.  
Approved February 28, 1799.  
**JOHN ADAMS,**  
President of the United States.

**AN ACT**  
To alter the Stamp Duties imposed upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, by an act intitled "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," and further to amend the same.

**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirty-first day of March next the duties imposed by an act, intitled, "An act laying duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper," upon foreign bills of exchange and bills of lading, shall cease and determine; and from and after the said thirty-first day of March next, there shall be levied and paid throughout the United States, the several stamp duties following, to wit:—On every skin or piece of vellum or parchment, or sheet or piece of paper, on which shall be written or printed any or either of the instruments following to wit:—Any foreign bill of exchange, draft, or order for the payment of money in any foreign country, twenty cents; any note or bill of lading, or writing or receipt in the nature thereof, for any goods or merchandise to be exported, if from one district to another district of the United States, not being in the same state, four cents; if to be exported to any foreign port or place, ten cents; any policy of insurance or instrument in nature thereof, other than those specified in the above recited act, when the sum, for which insurance is made, shall not exceed five hundred dollars, twenty five cents; and when the sum insured shall exceed five hundred dollars, one dollar. And the said duties shall be chargeable upon each and every bill of exchange and bill of lading, without respect to the number contained in a set.  
Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the said thirty first day of March, if shall not be lawful for any surveyor, or other person employed for the stamping of vellum, parchment or paper, to stamp any foreign bill of exchange, draft or order, for the payment of money in any foreign country, after the same shall be written or drawn. And if any person or persons, from or after the said thirty first day of March, shall presume to write or draw, or cause to be written or drawn any such foreign bill, draft or order, or any duplicate or triplicate thereof, before the vellum, parchment or paper on which the same shall be drawn, shall be duly stamped, or shall sell, loan, endorse or remit any such foreign bill, draft or order, unless every duplicate, triplicate, and other bill of the same tenor and date, which shall be drawn, or intended to be drawn, shall be first duly stamped; then, and in every such case, the person or persons so offending, shall

for each offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence.  
Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person or persons, at any time after the said thirty first day of March next, shall knowingly and fraudulently write or engrave, or cause to be written or engraved, the whole or any part of any bond, bill, instrument, or other writing whatsoever, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the acts of Congress, or any of them, on the whole or any part of any piece of vellum, parchment or paper whereon there shall have been before written any other bond, bill, instrument or other writing, in respect whereof any duty is payable by the said acts, or either of them, before such vellum, parchment or paper shall have been again marked or stamped, according to the said acts; or shall fraudulently erase or scrape out, or cause to be erased or scraped out, the name or names of any person or persons, or any sum, date or other thing written in such bond, bill, instrument or writing, or fraudulently cut, tear or get off, any mark or stamp from any piece of vellum, parchment or paper, or part thereof, with intent to use such stamp or mark for any writing or thing, in respect whereof any duty shall be payable by virtue of the said acts, or either of them, that then, so often, and in every such case, every person, so offending, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars, and coils of suit.  
Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any writings, matters and things, in respect whereof any of the said duties shall be payable, and which shall be engrossed or written, after the said thirty first day of March next, shall be written at a distance from the stamps or marks which shall, in pursuance of the said acts, or any of them, be placed on the vellum, parchment or paper, whereupon the same shall be written or engrossed, with intent fraudulently to evade the duties imposed by the said acts, or any of them, the person who shall write or engross, or cause to be written or engrossed any such writing, matter or thing, contrary to the tenor and true meaning hereof, shall, for every such offence, forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars and full coils of suit.  
Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the duties imposed by this act, shall be levied and collected in the same manner, and by the same persons, and under the same regulations, fines penalties and forfeitures which are provided in and by the acts of Congress now in force, respecting the duties on stamped vellum, parchment and paper.—And the said fines, penalties and forfeitures shall be sued for, and recovered in the same manner, and to the same uses, as are provided in the said acts.  
Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That no duties shall be levied or collected upon any bonds required in any case by the laws of the United States, or of any state, upon legal process, or in any judicial proceeding, or for the faithful performance of any trust or duty; any thing in the above recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.  
Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the supervisors shall severally be allowed upon all stamp duties, and upon all fines accruing thereupon, which shall be collected and accounted for by them respectively, the commissions following, to wit: Upon all duties collected from persons other than officers of the revenue, and upon all fines, a commission of four per centum;—upon all duties received from officers of the revenue, or which are collected and duly accounted for by said officers, a commission of one per centum; and that the inspectors of surveys not being also supervisors, shall, severally, be allowed upon all stamp duties, and upon all fines accruing thereupon, which shall be collected and accounted for by them, respectively, a commission of one and an half per centum. And the allowances aforesaid shall extend to the duties and fines which have been heretofore, or may be hereafter collected and accounted for in manner aforesaid, in pursuance of the act, intitled, "An act laying duties upon stamped vellum parchment and paper, as well as to all duties and fines authorized by this act.  
**JONATHAN DAYTON,**  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
**TH. JEFFERSON,**  
Vice-President of the United States,  
and President of the Senate.  
Approved February 28, 1799.  
**JOHN ADAMS,**  
President of the United States.

**AN ACT**  
Concerning French citizens that have been, or may be captured and brought into the United States.  
**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized to exchange or send away from the United States to the dominions of France, as he may deem proper and expedient, all French citizens that have been or may be captured and brought into the United States, in pursuance of the act, intitled "An act in addition to the act more effectually to protect the commerce and coasts of the United States."  
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**AN ACT**  
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