

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday the Fourth of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

An ACT to regulate the collection of the DUTIES imposed by Law on the TONNAGE of SHIPS or VESSELS, and on GOODS, WARES, and MERCHANDIZE, imported into the UNITED STATES.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the due collection of the duties imposed by law, on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United States, there shall be established and appointed, districts, ports, and officers, in manner following, to wit:

The State of NEW-HAMPSHIRE shall be one district, to include the town of Portsmouth as the sole port of entry; and the towns of Newcastle, Dover, and Exeter, as ports of delivery only; but all ships or vessels bound to or from either of the said ports of delivery, shall first come to, enter and clear at Portsmouth; and a naval officer, collector, and surveyor, for the said district shall be appointed, to reside at Portsmouth.

In the State of MASSACHUSETTS shall be twenty districts and ports of entry, to wit: Newburyport, Gloucester, Salem, and Beverly, as one port; Marblehead, Boston, and Charlestown as one port; Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, Edgartown, New-Bedford, Dighton, York, Biddeford, and Pepperelborough as one port; Portland and Falmouth as one port; Bath, Wiscasset, Penobscot, Frenchman's Bay, Machias, and Passamaquoddy. To the district of Newburyport shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Almsbury, Salisbury, and Haverhill, which shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector, naval officer, and surveyor, for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Newburyport. To the district of Gloucester shall be annexed the town of Manchester, as a port of delivery only; and a collector and surveyor shall be appointed, to reside at Gloucester. To the district of Salem and Beverly, shall be annexed the towns or landing places of Danvers and Ipswich, as ports of delivery only; and a collector, naval officer and surveyor for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Salem; and a surveyor to reside at each of the towns of Beverly and Ipswich. To the district of Marblehead shall be annexed the town of Lynn, as a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Marblehead. To the district of Boston and Charlestown shall be annexed the towns or landing places of Medford, Cohasset, and Hingham, as ports of delivery only; and a collector, naval officer, and surveyor, shall be appointed, to reside at Boston. To the district of Plymouth shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Scituate, Duxbury, and Kington, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Plymouth. To the district of Barnstable shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Sandwich, Harwich, Wellfleet, Province-Town, and Chatham, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Barnstable. In the district of Nantucket, the port of Sherburne shall be the sole port of entry and delivery within the same; and a collector shall be appointed to reside at Sherburne. To the district of Edgartown shall be annexed the town of Falmouth, as a port of delivery only; and a collector shall be appointed, to reside at Edgartown. To the district of New-Bedford shall be annexed West-Port, Rochester, and Wareham, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at New-Bedford. To the district of Dighton shall be annexed Swansey and Freetown, as ports of delivery only, and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Dighton. To the district of York shall be annexed Kittery and Berwick, as ports of delivery only, and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at York. To the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough shall be annexed Scarborough, Wells, Kennebunk, and Cape-Portpoise, as ports of delivery only, and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Biddeford. To the district of Portland and Falmouth shall be annexed North Yarmouth and Brunswick, as ports of delivery only; and a collector and surveyor shall be appointed for the district, to reside at Portland. To the district of Bath shall be annexed Hallowell, Pittsford, and Topsham, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Bath. To the district of Wiscasset shall be annexed Bristol, Boothbay, and Waldoborough, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Wiscasset. To the district of Penobscot shall be annexed Thomaston, Frankfort, Sedgwick-Point, and Deer-Island, as ports of delivery only, and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Penobscot. To the district of Frenchman's Bay shall be annexed Union-River, as a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Frenchman's-Bay. For each of the districts of Machias and Passamaquoddy shall be appointed a collector, to reside at the said ports of Machias and Passamaquoddy respectively. The district of Newburyport shall include all the waters and shores from the State of New-Hampshire, to the north line of Ipswich. The district of Gloucester shall include all the waters and shores in the towns of Gloucester and Manchester. The district of Salem and Beverly shall include all the waters and shores in the towns of Ipswich, Beverly, Salem and Danvers. The district of Marblehead shall include all the waters and shores within the towns of Marblehead and Lynn. The district of Boston and Charlestown shall include all the waters and shores within the counties of Middlesex and Suffolk. The district of Plymouth shall include all the waters and shores within the county of Plymouth, excepting the towns of Wareham and Rochester. The district of Barnstable shall include all the shores and waters within the county of Barnstable, excepting the town of Falmouth. The district of Nantucket shall include the island of Nantucket. The district of Edgartown shall include all the waters and shores within the county of Duke's County and the town of Falmouth. The district of New-Bedford shall include all the waters and shores within the towns of New-Bedford, Dartmouth, West-Port, Rochester, and Wareham, together with all the islands within the county of Bristol. The district of Dighton shall include all the waters and shores on Taunton river, and in the town of Rehoboth; and the collectors of the several districts within that part of the State of Massachusetts, eastward of New-Hampshire, shall agree as soon as may be upon a divisional line between their respective districts, and transmit the same to the comptroller of the treasury, and such districts as agreed upon, shall include all the shores, waters, and islands within the same.

In the State of CONNECTICUT shall be three districts, to wit: New-London, New-Haven and Fairfield. The district of New-London shall extend from the east line of the said State of Connecticut to the west line of the town of Killinworth, and north to the fourth line of the State of Massachusetts, and shall also include the several towns or landing places of Norwich, Stonington, Groton, Lyme, Saybrook, Haddam, East-Haddam, Middletown, Chatham, Weathersfield, Glastenbury, Hartford, East-Hartford, and Killingworth, as ports of delivery only; New-London to be the sole port of entry; and a collector, and surveyor for the district shall be appointed, to reside at New-London, and a surveyor to reside at each of the ports of Stonington and Middletown. The district of New-Haven shall extend from the west line of the district of New-London, westerly to Ousatumnick river; to which shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Guilford, Branford, Milford, and Derby, as ports of delivery only; New-Haven to be the sole port of entry; and a collector and surveyor for the district shall be appointed, to reside at New-Haven. The district of Fairfield shall include all the ports and places in the said State of Connecticut, west of the district of New-Haven, to which shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Norwalk, Strat-

ford, Stamford, and Greenwich, as ports of delivery only; Fairfield to be the sole port of entry; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Fairfield, and New-London, New-Haven, and Fairfield, shall severally be ports of entry.

In the State of NEW-YORK shall be two districts, to wit: Sag-Harbor on Nassau or Long-Island, and the city of New-York, each of which shall be a port of entry; the district of Sag-Harbor shall include all bays, harbors, rivers, and shores, within the two points of land, which are called Oyster-Pond Point, and Montauk Point; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Sag-Harbor, which shall be the only place of delivery in the said district; the district of the city of New-York shall include such part of the coasts, rivers, bays and harbors of the said State, not included in the district of Sag-Harbor, and moreover the several towns or landing places of New-Windsor, Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Elopous, city of Hudson, Kinderhook, and Albany, as ports of delivery only; and a naval officer, collector and surveyor, for the district, shall be appointed, to reside at the city of New-York; also two surveyors, one to reside at the city of Albany, and the other at the city of Hudson; and all ships or vessels bound to, or from any port of delivery within the last named district, shall be obliged to come to, and enter or clear out at the city of New-York.

In the State of NEW-JERSEY shall be three districts, to wit: Perth-Amboy, Burlington and Bridgetown, which shall severally be ports of entry. The district of Perth-Amboy shall comprehend all that part of the State of New-Jersey known by the name of East New-Jersey (that part excepted which is hereafter included in the district of Burlington) together with all the waters thereof, heretofore within the jurisdiction of the said State, in which district the towns or landing places of New-Brunswick, Middletown-Point, Elizabeth-Town and Newark shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Perth-Amboy. The district of Burlington shall comprehend that part of the said State known by the name of West New-Jersey, which lies to the eastward and northward of the county of Gloucester, with all the waters thereof, heretofore within the jurisdiction of the said State, including the river and inlet of Little Egg-harbour, with the waters emptying into the same, and the sea coast, found, inlets and harbours thereof, from Barnegat inlet to Brigantine inlet, in which district the landing places of Lambertown and Little Egg-Harbour shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector shall be appointed for the district, to reside at Burlington, and a surveyor at Little Egg-harbour. The district of Bridgetown shall comprehend the counties of Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May (that part of Gloucester county excepted, which is included within the district of Burlington) and all the waters thereof heretofore within the jurisdiction of the said State; and the town of Salem, Port Elizabeth on Maurice river and Stillwell's on Great Egg-harbour, shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Bridge-Town.

The State of PENNSYLVANIA shall be one district, and Philadelphia shall be the sole port both of entry and delivery for the same; and a naval officer, collector and surveyor for the district shall be appointed to reside at the said port of Philadelphia.

The State of DELAWARE shall be one district, and the borough of Wilmington shall be the port of entry, to which shall be annexed New-Castle and Port Penn as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at the said port of Wilmington.

In the State of MARYLAND shall be nine districts, to wit: Baltimore, Chester, Oxford, Vienna, Snow Hill, Annapolis, Nottingham, Nanjemoy, and George-Town. The district of Baltimore shall include Patapisc, Siquichannah and Elk Rivers, and all the waters and shores on the west side of Chesapeake-Bay, from the mouth of Magetty river to the fourth side of Elk river inclusive, in which Havre de Grace and Elkton shall be ports of delivery only; and a naval officer, collector and surveyor shall be appointed for the said district, to reside at the town of Baltimore, which shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Chester shall include Chester river, and all the waters and shores on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay, from the fourth side of Elk river to the north side of the eastern bay and Wyc river exclusive, in which George-Town on Sassafras river, shall be a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Chester, which shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Oxford shall include all the waters and shores on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay, from the north side of Wyc river and the eastern bay, to the fourth side of Choptank river inclusive, and Cambridge shall be a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Oxford, which shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Vienna shall include all the waters and shores on the eastern side of Chesapeake-Bay, from the fourth side of Choptank river to the fourth side of Wicomico river inclusive, and Salisbury shall be a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Vienna, which shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Snow-Hill shall include all the waters and shores on the sea coast, from the north line of Virginia to the fourth line of Delaware, together with all the waters and shores on the eastern side of Chesapeake Bay, from the fourth side of Wicomico river to the fourth side of Pocomoke river inclusive, so far as the jurisdiction of the said State of Maryland extends, to which Sinnepuxent shall be a port of delivery for West-India produce only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Snow-Hill, which shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Annapolis shall include Magetty river, and all the waters and shores from thence to Drum point, on Patuxent river, and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Annapolis, which shall be the sole port of entry and delivery for the same. The district of Nottingham shall include all the waters and shores on the west side of Chesapeake Bay to Drum point, on the river Patuxent, together with the said river, and all the navigable waters emptying into the same, to which, Benedict, Lower-Mariborough, Town Creek, and Silvey's landing, shall be annexed as ports of delivery only; a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Nottingham; and a surveyor at Town Creek; and Nottingham shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Nanjemoy shall include all the waters of Potowmack river, within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, from Point-look-out to Pomonkey creek inclusive, to which Saint Mary's shall be annexed, as a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Nanjemoy; also a surveyor to reside at Saint Mary's, and Nanjemoy shall be the sole port of entry. The district of George Town shall include all the waters and shores from Pomonkey creek, on the north side of Potowmack river, to the head of the navigable waters of the said river, within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, to which Digges's landing and Carrollburg shall be annexed as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at George-Town, which shall be the sole port of entry.

In the State of VIRGINIA shall be twelve districts, to wit: Hampton as one port; Norfolk and Portsmouth as one port; Bermuda-Hundred and City-Point as one port; York-Town, Tappan-nock, Yeocomico river, including Kinsale, Dumfries, including Newport, Alexandria, Folly-Landing, Cherry-Stone, South-Quay, and Louisville; the authority of the officers at Hampton shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbours, and inlets, between the fourth side of the mouth of York river, along the west shore of Chesapeake-Bay to Hampton, and thence up James river to the west side of Chickahominy river, and a collector shall be appointed to reside at Hampton, which shall be the sole port of entry. To the district of Norfolk and Portsmouth shall be annexed Suffolk and Smithfield, as ports of delivery only; and the authority of the officers of said district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, and inlets, comprehended within a line drawn from Cape-Henry to the mouth of James river, and thence up James river to Jordon's-Point, and up Elizabeth river to the highest tide water thereof, and Norfolk and Portsmouth shall be the sole port of entry; and a collector, naval-officer, and surveyor for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Norfolk; also a surveyor to reside at each

of the ports of Suffolk and Smithfield. To the district of Bermuda-Hundred, or City-Point, shall be annexed Richmond, Petersburg, and Manchester, as ports of delivery only; and a collector and surveyor shall be appointed, to reside at Bermuda-Hundred, or City-Point, which shall be the sole port of entry; also a surveyor for Peterburg to reside thereat, and a surveyor for Richmond and Manchester to reside at Richmond, and the authority of the officers of the said district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbours and inlets, comprehended between Jordan's-Point and the highest tide water on James and Appomattox rivers. To the district of York-Town shall be annexed, West-Point and Cumberland, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at York-Town, which shall be the sole port of entry; also a surveyor for the two ports of delivery, to reside at West-Point; and the authority of the officers of the said district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, and inlets, comprehended between the point forming the fourth shore of the mouth of Rappahannock river, and the point forming the fourth shore of the mouth of York river, and thence up the said river to West-Point, and thence up Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers, to the highest navigable waters thereof. To the district of Tappan-nock shall be annexed Urbanna, Port-Royal, Frederickburg and Falmouth, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Tappan-nock, which shall be the sole port of entry; also a surveyor for each of the ports of Urbanna, Port Royal, and Frederickburg, and the authority of the officers of the said district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors and inlets, comprehended between Smith's-Point, at the mouth of Potowmack, and the point forming the fourth shore of the mouth of Rappahannock river, and thence up the last mentioned river to the highest tide water thereof. The district of Yeocomico river, including Kinsale, shall extend from Smith's point on the fourth side of Potowmack river to Boyd's Hole on the same river, including all the waters, shores, bays, rivers, creeks, harbors and inlets, along the fourth shore of Potowmack river to Boyd's Hole aforesaid, and Yeocomico, including Kinsale, shall be the sole port of entry, and a collector shall be appointed to reside on Yeocomico river; the district of Dumfries, including Newport, shall extend from Boyd's Hole to Cockpit-Point on the fourth side of Potowmack river, and a collector shall be appointed to reside at Dumfries, which shall be the sole port of entry, and the authority of the officers of this district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors and inlets, comprehended between Boyd's Hole and Cockpit-Point aforesaid. For the district of Alexandria shall be appointed a collector and surveyor, to reside at Alexandria, which shall be the sole port of entry; and the authority of the officers of the said district shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbours and inlets, on the fourth side of the river Potowmack, from the last mentioned Cockpit-Point, to the highest tide water of the said river. For the district of Folly-landing shall be appointed a collector, who shall reside at Accomack Court-House, and whose authority shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbours and inlets, of the county of Accomack. For the district of Cherry-Stone, shall be appointed a collector, to reside at Cherry-Stone, whose authority shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, and inlets, comprehended within Northampton county. For the district of South Quay, a collector shall be appointed, to reside thereat, whose authority shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, and inlets, in that part of Virginia, comprehended within the limits of the said State. For the district of Loufville, a collector shall be appointed to reside thereat, whose authority shall extend over all waters, shores and inlets, included between the rapids and the mouth of Ohio river, on the fourth east side thereof.

In the State of SOUTH-CAROLINA, shall be three districts, to wit: George-Town, Charleston and Beaufort, each of which shall be a port of entry. The district of George-Town shall include the shores, inlets and rivers from the boundary of North-Carolina to the point of Cape Roman. The district of Charleston shall include all the shores, inlets & rivers from Cape Roman to Combahee river inclusive; and the district of Beaufort shall include the shores, inlets and rivers from Combahee river to Back river in Georgia, comprehending also the shores, inlets and harbours, formed by the different bars and sea islands, lying within each district respectively; at the port of Charleston shall be a collector, naval-officer and surveyor, and a collector at each of the other ports.

In the State of GEORGIA shall be four districts, to wit: Savannah, Sunbury, Brunswick and Saint Mary's, each of which shall be a port of entry. The district of Savannah shall include Savannah river, Great and Little Ogeechee rivers, with the other harbours, creeks and rivers, formed by the inlets of Tybee, Little Tybee, Warfaw and Offabaw, north of the island of Offabaw, and a naval-officer, collector and surveyor, for the said district shall be appointed to reside at Savannah. The district of Sunbury shall include the Medway, North and South Newport and Sapelo rivers, with the harbors, creeks and rivers, formed by the inlets of Saint Catharine's, South of Offabaw and Sapelo; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Sunbury. The district of Brunswick shall include the Altamaha, Frederica, and Turtle rivers, with the other harbors, creeks and rivers, formed by the inlets of Dobby, fourth of Sapelo, Altamaha, and Saint Simons, north of the fourth point of Jekyll island; Frederica shall be a port of delivery only; and a collector for the said district shall be appointed to reside at Brunswick; the district of St. Mary's shall include Great Setilla, Little Setilla, Crooked river, and St. Mary's river, with the harbors, creeks and rivers, formed by the inlets of Saint Andrews and Amelia sounds; and a collector for the said district shall be appointed, to reside at Saint Mary's. And in each district it shall be lawful for the collector to grant a permit to unlade at any port or place within the district, and to appoint or put on board any ship or vessel for which a permit is granted, one or more searchers or inspectors, as may be necessary for the security of the revenue.

And be it further enacted, That every port of entry established by this act, shall be a port of delivery also; PROVIDED ALWAYS, That no ship or vessel not wholly belonging to a citizen or citizens of the United States, shall be admitted to unload at any port or place except the following, to wit: Portsmouth, in the State of New-Hampshire, Portland, Falmouth, Dighton, Salem, Gloucester, Newbury-Port, Marblehead, Sherburne, Boston, Plymouth, Wiscasset, Machias, and Penobscot, in the State of Massachusetts; New-London or New-Haven, in the State of Connecticut; New-York; Perth-Amboy or Burlington, in the State of New-Jersey; Philadelphia; Wilmington, New-Castle and Port-Penn, in the State of Delaware; Baltimore, Annapolis, Vienna, Oxford, George-Town on Potowmack, Chester-Town, Town Creek, Nottingham, Nanjemoy, Digges's-landing, Snow-Hill and Carrollburg, in the State of Maryland; Alexandria, Kinsale, Newport, Tappan-nock, Port-Royal, Frederickburg, Urbanna, York-Town, West-Point, Hampton, Bermuda-Hundred, City-Point, Rocket's-landing, Norfolk or Portsmouth in the State of Virginia; Charlestown, or George-Town, or Beaufort in the State of South-Carolina; or in either of the districts of Savannah, Sunbury, Brunswick, or Saint Mary's in the State of Georgia; nor shall any ship or vessel arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or from any place beyond the same, be admitted to enter at any other than the following ports to wit: Portsmouth in the State of New-Hampshire; Boston, Newbury-Port, Salem, Gloucester, Portland, or Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts; New-London, or New-Haven, in the State of Connecticut; New-York; Perth-Amboy; Philadelphia; Wilmington in the State of Delaware; Baltimore-town, Annapolis, or George-Town, in the State of Maryland; Alexandria, Norfolk, or Portsmouth, in the State of Virginia; Charlestown, George-Town, or Beaufort, in the State of South-Carolina; Sunbury, or Savannah, in the State of Georgia: PROVIDED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the master or commander of any ship or vessel, from making entry with the collector of any port or district in which such ship or vessel may be owned, or from whence she may have sailed on such a voyage. (To be continued.)