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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:
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AN ACT to provide more effectually for the Collection of the Duties imposed by Law on Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into the United States, and on the Tonnage of Ships or Vessels.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the collection of the duties imposed by law on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United States, and on the tonnage of ships or vessels, 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 be called the district of Portsmouth, of which the town of Portsmouth shall be the sole port of entry; and the towns of Newcastle, Dover and Exeter 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 collector, naval-officer 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: Newbury-Port, Gloucester, Salem and Beverly, as one; Marblehead, Boston, and Charlestown, as one; Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, Edgartown, New-Bedford, Dighton, York, Biddeford and Pepperelborough, as one; Portland and Falmouth as one; Bath, Wiscasset, Penobscot, Frenchman's Bay, Machias and Passamaquoddy. To the district of Newbury-Port 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 Newbury-Port. 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 Kingston, as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Barnstable. To 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. In the district of Edgartown 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 Porpoise, 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 Hollowell, Pitt-town 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, Warren, Thomaston 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 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 shores and waters within 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. 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. The district of New-Bedford, shall include all the waters and shores within the towns of New-Bedford, Dartmouth, Westport, 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. And in case of disagreement between any of the said collectors, concerning such divisional line, the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine the same.

In the State of Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations, there shall be two districts, to wit: the district of Newport, and the district of Providence. The district of Newport shall comprehend all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, creeks and inlets, from the west line of the said State all along the sea coast, and northward to the Narraganset bay, as far as the most easterly part of Kinnimicut point at high water mark; and shall include the several towns, harbors, and landing places at Westerly, Charlestown, South-Kingstown, North-Kingstown, East-Greenwich, and all that part of Warwick southward of the latitude of said Kinnimicut point; and also the towns, harbors and landing places of Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Tiverton, Little-Compton, and all the towns, harbors and landing places of the island of Rhode-Island, James Town, Prudence, New-Shoreham, and every other island and place within the said State southward of the latitude of said Kinnimicut point. The district of Providence shall comprehend all the waters, shores, bays, harbors, creeks and inlets within the said State, northward of the latitude of Kinnimicut point. The town of Newport shall be the sole port of entry in the said district of Newport; and a collector, naval-officer and surveyor shall be appointed to reside at the said town of Newport; and North-Kingstown, East-Greenwich, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, and Pawcatuck river in Westerly shall be ports of delivery only; and a surveyor shall be appointed to reside at each of the ports of North-Kingstown, East-Greenwich, Warren, Bristol and Pawcatuck river, and the surveyor to reside at Warren shall be the sole port of entry in the said district of Providence, and Patuxet in the same district shall be a port of delivery only; and a collector, naval-officer and surveyor shall be appointed to reside at Providence, and a surveyor shall be appointed to reside at Patuxet.

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 Killingworth, and north to the south line of the State of Massachusetts; and shall also include the several towns or landing places of Norwich, Stonington, Groton, Lyme, Saybrook, Middletown, East-Hartford, Middletown, Chatham, Westersfield, Glasenbury, Hartford, East-Hartford, Windsor, East-Windsor, 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 Oufatunnick river; to which shall be annexed the several towns or landing places of Guildford, 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, Stratford, 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, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Elopas, 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 four districts, to wit: Perth-Amboy, Burlington, Bridgetown, and Great Egg-Harbor, 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-Harbor, with the waters emptying into the same, and the sea-coast, found, inlets and harbors thereof from Barnegat inlet to Brigantine inlets, in which district the landing places of Lambertson and Little Egg-Harbor 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-Harbor. The district of Bridgetown shall comprehend the counties of Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, and Cape-May (such part of the counties of Gloucester and Cape-May as shall be hereinafter included in the district of Great Egg-Harbor, excepted) and all the waters thereof heretofore within the jurisdiction of the said

State; and the town of Salem and Port Elizabeth, on Maurice river, shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector shall be appointed to reside at Bridgetown. The district of Great Egg-Harbor shall comprehend the river of Great Egg-Harbor, together with all the inlets, bays, found, rivers and creeks, along the sea coast from Brigantine inlet to Cape-May; and a collector shall be appointed, to reside at Somers's Point, on the said river of Great Egg-Harbor.

The State of Pennsylvania shall be one district, and Philadelphia shall be the sole port of entry and delivery for the same; and a collector, naval officer 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 Newcastle 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, Snowhill, Annapolis, Nottingham, Cedar-Point, and George-Town. The district of Baltimore shall include Patapisco, 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 south side of Elk river, inclusive, in which Havre de Grace and Elkton shall be ports of delivery only; and a collector, naval officer 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 south side of Elk-river to the north side of the Eastern-Bay, and Wye river inclusive; in which Georgetown 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 Wye river and the Eastern Bay, to the south side of Great 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 south side of Greck Choptank-river, to the south side of Hooper's Streight, Hayne's Point and Wicomico river inclusive; and Salisbury shall be the 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 Snowhill shall include all the waters and shores on the sea coast, from the north line of Virginia, to the south line of Delaware, together with all the waters and shores on the eastern side of Chesapeake-Bay, from the south side of Wicomico river, to the south side of Pocomoke river, inclusive, so far as the jurisdiction of the said State of Maryland extends; to which Sinnerpuxent shall be a port of delivery for West-India produce only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Snowhill, 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 Malborough, Town Creek and Selvey'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 Cedar-Point shall include all the waters of Potowmack within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, from Point-look-out to Pomonky creek, inclusive; to which Nanjomy, Saint Mary's and Lewellenburg, shall be annexed as a port of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed, to reside at Cedar-Point; also a surveyor to reside at each of the ports of Saint Mary's and Lewellenburg; and Cedar-Point shall be the sole port of entry. The district of Georgetown shall include all the waters and shores from Pomonky 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 Carrollsburg shall be annexed as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Georgetown, 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; Yorktown, Tappahannock, Yeocomico river, including Kinfales, Dumfries, including Newport, Alexandria, Foley-Landing, Cherrytone, South Quay and Louisville. The authority of the officers at Hampton shall extend over all the waters, shores, bays, harbors 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 the 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 Jordan'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 Petersburg 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, harbors and inlets, comprehended between Jordan's point and the highest tide water on James and Appamattox rivers. To the district of Yorktown shall be annexed West-point and Cumberland as ports of delivery only; and a collector for the district shall be appointed to reside at Yorktown, 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 south 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 Tappahannock shall be annexed Urbana, Port-Royal, and Freder-