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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Congress.

[PUBLIC—No. 148.]

AN ACT to provide internal revenue to support the government, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes.

[CONCLUDED.]

SEC. 162. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any person to present to the collector of the district, subject to the rules and regulation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, any instrument not previously issued or used, and require his opinion whether or not the same is chargeable with any stamp duty; and if the said collector shall be of opinion that such instrument is chargeable with any stamp duty, he shall, upon the payment therefor, affix and cancel the proper stamp; and if of the opinion that such instrument is not chargeable with any stamp duty, or is chargeable only with the duty by him designated he is hereby required to impress thereon a particular stamp, to be provided for that purpose, with such words or devise thereon as he shall judge proper, which shall denote that such instrument is not chargeable with any stamp duty, or is chargeable only with the duty denoted by the stamp affixed; and every such instrument upon which the said stamp shall be impressed shall be deemed to be not chargeable, or to be chargeable only with the duty denoted by the stamp so affixed, and shall be received in evidence in all courts of law or equity, notwithstanding any objections made to the same by reason of it being unstamped, or of it being insufficiently stamped.

SEC. 163. *And be it further enacted*, That no deed, instrument, document, writing, or paper, required by law to be stamped, which has been heretofore signed or issued without being duly stamped, or with a deficient stamp, nor any copy thereof, shall be recorded or admitted or used as evidence in any court until a legal stamp or stamps, denoting the amount of duty, shall have been affixed thereto, and the date, when the same is so used or affixed, with his initials, shall have been placed thereon by the person using or affixing the same; and the person desiring to use or record any such deed, instrument, document writing, or paper as evidence, his agent or attorney, is authorized in the presence of the court, register, or recorder, respectively, to affix the stamp or stamps thereon required: *Provided*, That no instrument, document, or paper, made, signed, or issued prior to the passage of this act without being duly stamped, or having thereon an adhesive stamp or stamps, to denote the duty imposed thereon, shall for that cause, if the stamp or stamps required shall be subsequently affixed, be deemed invalid and of no effect: *And provided, further*, That any power of attorney, conveyance, or document of any kind, made or purporting to be made in any foreign country to be used in the United States, shall pay the same duty as is required by law on similar instruments or documents when made or issued in the United States; and the party in whom the same is issued, or by whom it is to be used, shall, before using the same, affix thereon the stamp or stamps indicating the duty required.

SEC. 164. *And be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of this act relating to dies, stamps, adhesive stamps, and stamp duties shall extend to and include (except where manifestly impracticable) all the articles or objects enumerated in schedule marked C, subject to stamp duties, and apply to the provisions in relation thereto.

SEC. 165. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person, firm, company, or corporation shall make, prepare, and sell, or remove for consumption or sale, drugs, mixtures, preparations, compositions, articles or things, including perfumery, cosmetics, lucifer or friction matches, cigar lights, or wax tapers, photographs, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, or other fine pictures of any description, and playing cards, upon which a duty is imposed by law, contrary to the rules and regulations of Schedule C, without affixing thereto an adhesive stamp, or label denoting the duty before mentioned, he or they shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for every omission to affix such stamp: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall apply to any compounded medicinal drug or chemical, or to any medicine compounded according to the United States or other national pharmacopœia, not of which the full and proper formula is published in either of the dispensatories, formularies, or text-books in common use among physicians and apothecaries including homœopathic and eclectic, or in any pharmaceutical journal now used by any incorporated college of pharmacy, and not sold or offered for sale, or advertised under any other name, form, or guise, by that under which they may be severally denominated and described in said pharmacopœias, dispensatories, text books, or journals, as aforesaid; nor to medicines sold to or for the use of any person which may be mixed and compounded specially for said persons according to the written receipt or prescription of any physician or surgeon.

SEC. 166. *And be it further enacted*, That every manufacturer or maker of any of the articles for sale mentioned in Schedule C, after the same shall have been so made and the particulars herein before required as to stamps have been complied with, who shall take off, remove, or detach, by cutting or parting, or cause or permit, or suffer to be taken off, or removed, or detached any stamp, or who shall use any stamp, or any wrapper or cover to which any stamp is affixed, to cover any other article or commodity than that originally enclosed in such wrapper or cover, with such stamp when first used, with the intent to evade the stamp duties, shall, for every such article, respectively, in respect of which any such offence shall be committed, be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered together with the costs thereupon accruing; and every such article or commodity as aforesaid shall also be forfeited.

SEC. 167. *And be it further enacted*, That on and after the passage of this act every maker or manufacturer of any of the articles or of commodities mentioned in Schedule C, as aforesaid, who shall sell, send out, remove, or deliver any article, or commodity, manufactured as aforesaid, before the duty thereon shall have been fully paid, by affixing thereon the proper stamp, as provided by law, or who shall hide or conceal, or cause to be hidden or concealed, or who shall remove or convey away, or deposit, or cause to be removed or conveyed away from or deposited in any place, any such article or commodity, to evade the duty chargeable thereon, or any part thereof, shall be subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars, together with the forfeiture of any such article or commodity.

SEC. 168. *And be it further enacted*, That all medicines, preparations, compositions, perfumery, cosmetics, lucifer or friction matches, and cigar lights, or wax tapers, cordials, and other liquors manufactured wholly or in part of domestic spirits intended for exportation, as provided for by law, in order to be manufactured and sold or removed, without being charged with duty and without having a stamp affixed thereto, shall, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, be made and manufactured in warehouses similarly constructed to those known and designated in the statutes of the United States as bonded warehouses: *Provided*, That such manufacturers shall first give satisfactory bonds to the officer of internal revenue for the faithful observance of all the provisions of law and the rules and regulations as aforesaid, in amount not less than half of that required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury from persons allowed bonded warehouse. Such goods, when manufactured in such warehouse, may be removed for exportation, under the direction of the proper officer having charge thereof, who shall be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, without being charged with duty, and without having a stamp affixed thereto. Any manufacturer of the articles aforesaid, or of any of them having such bonded warehouse, as aforesaid, shall be at liberty, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, to convey thereto any materials to be used in such manufacture, which are allowed by the provisions of law to be exported free from tax or duty, as well as the necessary materials, implements, packages, vessels, brands, and labels for the preparation, putting up, and export of the said manufactured articles; and every article so used shall be exempt from the payment of stamp and excise duty by such manufacturer. Articles and materials so to be used may be transferred from any bonded warehouse in which the same may be, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, into any bonded warehouse in which such manufactures may be conducted, and may be used in such manufactures, and, when so used, shall be exempt from stamp and excise duty; and the receipt of the officer in charge, as aforesaid, shall be received as a voucher for the manufacture of such articles.

Any materials imported into the United States duty, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, and under the direction of the proper officer, be removed in original packages from on shipboard, or from the bonded warehouse in which the same may be, into the bonded warehouse in which such manufactures may be carried on, for the purpose of being used in such manufacture, without payment of duties thereon, and may there be used in such manufacture. No article so removed, nor any article manufactured in said bonded warehouse, shall be taken therefrom except for exportation, under the direction of the proper officer having charge thereof, as aforesaid, whose certificate, describing the articles by their marks, or otherwise, the quantity, the date of importation, and the name of vessel, with such additional particulars as may from time to time be required, shall be received by the collector of customs in cancellation of the bonds, or return of the amount of foreign import duties. All labor performed and services rendered under these regulations shall be under the supervision of an officer of the customs, and at the expense of the manufacturer.

SEC. 169. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall offer for sale any of the articles named in Schedule C, whether the articles so offered are imported, or are of foreign or domestic manufacture, shall be deemed the manufacturer thereof, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and penalties imposed by law in regard to the sale of domestic articles without the use of the proper stamp or stamps denoting the duty paid thereon: *Provided*, That when any such imported articles shall be sold in the original and unbroken package in which the bottles or other inclosures were packed by the manufacturer, the person so selling said articles shall not be subject to any penalty on account of the want of the proper stamp.

SEC. 170. *And be it further enacted*, That in any collection district where, in the judgment of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the facilities for the procurement and distribution of stamped vellum, parchment, or paper, and adhesive stamps, are or shall be insufficient, the Commissioner, as aforesaid, is authorized to furnish, supply, and deliver to the collector and to the assessor of any such district, and to any assistant treasurer of the United States, or designated depository therein, or any postmaster, a suitable quantity or amount of stamped vellum, parchment, or paper, and adhesive stamps, without prepayment therefor, and shall allow the highest rate of commissions allowed by law to any other parties purchasing the same, and may in advance require of any such collector, assessor, assistant treasurer of the United States, or postmaster, a bond, with sufficient sureties, to an amount equal to the value of any stamped vellum, parchment, or paper, and adhesive stamps which may be placed in his hands and remain unaccounted for, conditioned for the faithful return, whenever so required, of all quantities or amounts undisposed of, and for the payment, monthly, of all quantities or amounts sold or not, remaining on hand. And it shall be the duty of such collector to supply his deputies with, or sell to other parties within his district who may make application therefor, stamped vellum, parchment, or paper, and adhesive stamps, upon the same terms allowed by law, or under the regulations of the Secretary of Internal Revenue, who is hereby authorized to make such other regulations, not inconsistent herewith, for the security of the United States and the better accommodation of the public, in relation to the matters hereinbefore mentioned, as he may judge necessary and expedient. And the Secretary of the Treasury may, from time to time, make such regulations as he may find necessary to insure the safe keeping or prevent the illegal use of all such stamped vellum, parchment, paper, and adhesive stamps.

SCHEDULE B.

STAMP DUTIES.

	Duty.
Agreement or contract, other than those specified in this schedule; any appraisement of value or damage, or for any other purpose; for every sheet or piece of paper upon which either of the same shall be written, five cents.	05
Provided, That if more than one appraisement, agreement, or contract shall be written upon one sheet or piece of paper, five cents for each and every additional appraisement, agreement, or contract.	
BANK NOTES, draft, or order for the payment of any sum of money whatsoever, drawn upon any bank, banker, or trust company, or for any sum exceeding ten dollars drawn upon any other person or persons, companies, or corporations, at sight or on demand, two cents.	2
BILL OF EXCHANGE, (inland,) draft or order for the payment of any sum of money, not exceeding one hundred dollars, otherwise than at sight or on demand, or any promissory note, (except bank notes issued for circulation, and checks made and intended to be forthwith presented, and which shall be presented to a bank or banker for payment,) or any memorandum, check, receipt, or other written or printed evidence of an amount of money to be paid on demand, or a time designated, for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, five cents	
And for additional hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars, five cents	5
BILLS OF EXCHANGE, (foreign,) or letter of credit, drawn in but payable out of the United States, if drawn singly, or otherwise than in a set of three or more, according to the custom of merchants and bankers, shall pay the same rates of duty as inland bills of exchange or promissory notes.	
If drawn in sets of three or more: For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable shall not exceed one hundred dollars, or the equivalent thereof, in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed, according to the standard of value fixed by the United States, two cents.	2
And for every additional hundred dollars or fractional part thereof, in excess of one hundred dollars, two cents	2
BILL OF LADING or receipt, (other than charter party,) for any goods, merchandise, or effects, to be exported *from* a port or place in the United States to any foreign port or place, ten cents.	10
BILL OF SALE by which any ship or vessel, or any part thereof, shall be conveyed to or vested in any other person or persons when the consideration shall not exceed five hundred dollars, fifty cents.	50
Exceeding five hundred and not exceeding one thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00
Exceeding one thousand dollars, for every additional one thousand dollars, or fractional part thereof, one dollar.	1 00
BOND, (SURETY,)—Policy of insurance, or other instrument, by whatever name the same shall be called, whereby any insurance shall be made upon any life or lives—	
When the amount insured shall not exceed one thousand dollars, twenty-five cents.	25
Exceeding one thousand dollars and not exceeding five thousand dollars, fifty cents.	50
Exceeding five thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00
INSURANCE, (MARINE, INLAND, AND FIRE.)—Each policy of insurance or other instrument, by whatever name the same shall be called, by which insurance shall be made or renewed upon property of any description, whether against perils by the sea or by fire, or other peril of any kind, made by any insurance company, or its agents, or by any other company or person, the premium upon which does not exceed ten dollars, ten cents.	10
Exceeding ten and not exceeding fifty dollars, twenty-five cents.	25
Exceeding fifty dollars, fifty cents.	50
LEASE, agreement, memorandum, or contract for the hire, use, or rent of any land, tenement, or portion thereof, where the rent or rental value is three hundred dollars per annum or less, fifty cents.	50
Where the rent or rental value exceeds the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, for each additional two hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof in excess of three hundred dollars, fifty cents.	50
MANIFEST for custom-house entry or clearance of the cargo of any ship, vessel or steamer for a foreign port—	
If the registered tonnage of such ship, vessel or steamer does not exceed three hundred tons, one dollar.	1 00
Exceeding three hundred tons, and not exceeding six hundred tons, one dollar.	3 00
Exceeding six hundred tons, five dollars.	5 00
Exceeding six hundred tons, ten dollars.	10 00
CONTRACT.—Broker's notes, or memorandum of sale of any goods or merchandise, stocks, bonds, exchange, notes of hand, real estate, or property of any kind or description issued by brokers or persons acting as such, for each note or memorandum of sale, ten cents.	10
CONVEYANCE.—Deed, instrument or writing, whereby any lands, tenements, or other realty sold shall be granted, assigned, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons by his, her, or their direction, when the consideration or value does not exceed five hundred dollars, fifty cents.	50
When the consideration exceeds five hundred dollars, and does not exceed one thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00
And for every additional five hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof, in excess of one thousand dollars, fifty cents.	50
ENTRY of any goods, wares, or merchandise at any custom-house, either for consumption or warehouse, not exceeding one hundred dollars in value, twenty-five cents.	25
Exceeding one hundred dollars, and not exceeding five hundred dollars in value, fifty cents.	50
Exceeding five hundred dollars in value, one dollar.	1 00
ENTRY for the withdrawal of any goods or merchandise from bonded warehouse, fifty cents.	50
Gauger's return, if for a quantity not exceeding five hundred gallons gross, ten cents.	10
Exceeding five hundred gallons gross, twenty-five cents.	25
INSURANCE, (LIFE.)—Policy of insurance, or other instrument, by whatever name the same shall be called, whereby any insurance shall be made upon any life or lives—	
When the amount insured shall not exceed one thousand dollars, twenty-five cents.	25
Exceeding one thousand dollars and not exceeding five thousand dollars, fifty cents.	50
Exceeding five thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00
INSURANCE, (MARINE, INLAND, AND FIRE.)—Each policy of insurance or other instrument, by whatever name the same shall be called, by which insurance shall be made or renewed upon property of any description, whether against perils by the sea or by fire, or other peril of any kind, made by any insurance company, or its agents, or by any other company or person, the premium upon which does not exceed ten dollars, ten cents.	10
Exceeding ten and not exceeding fifty dollars, twenty-five cents.	25
Exceeding fifty dollars, fifty cents.	50
LEASE, agreement, memorandum, or contract for the hire, use, or rent of any land, tenement, or portion thereof, where the rent or rental value is three hundred dollars per annum or less, fifty cents.	50
Where the rent or rental value exceeds the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, for each additional two hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof in excess of three hundred dollars, fifty cents.	50
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CONTRACT.—Broker's notes, or memorandum of sale of any goods or merchandise, stocks, bonds, exchange, notes of hand, real estate, or property of any kind or description issued by brokers or persons acting as such, for each note or memorandum of sale, ten cents.	10
CONVEYANCE.—Deed, instrument or writing, whereby any lands, tenements, or other realty sold shall be granted, assigned, transferred, or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons by his, her, or their direction, when the consideration or value does not exceed five hundred dollars, fifty cents.	50
When the consideration exceeds five hundred dollars, and does not exceed one thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00
And for every additional five hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof, in excess of one thousand dollars, one dollar.	1 00