LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY AUTHORITY.

AN ACT

Laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies, on notes, bonds and obligations discounted by banks, bankers and certain companies: and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the last day of December next, there shall be levied, collected and paid, throughout the United States, the several stamp duties following, viz: For every skin or piece of vellum, or parchment, or sheet, or piece of paper, upon which shall be written or printed any or either of the instruments of writing following, to wit:

On any promissory note or notes payable either to bearer or order, issued by any of the banks or companies, who issue and discount notes, bonds or obligations, either incorporated or not incorporated, which now are or may hereafter be established in the United States, or by any banker or bankers, according to the following scale, viz:

If not exceeding one dollar, one cent.

If above one dollar, and not exceeding two dollars, two cents.

If above two and not exceeding three dollars, three cents.

If above three and not exceeding five dollars, five cents.

If above five and not exceeding ten dollars, ten cents.

If above ten and not exceeding twenty dollars, twenty cents.

If above twenty and not exceeding fifty dollars, fifty cents.

If above fifty and not exceeding one hundred dollars, one dollar.

If above one hundred and not exceeding five hundred dollars, five dollars.

If above one thousand dollars, fifty dollars.

On any bond obligation or promissary note or notes not issued by any bank, companies or banker as aforesaid, discounted by any such bank, companies or banker as aforesaid, discounted by any such bank, companies or banker, and on any foreign or inland bill or bills of exchange above fifty dollars, and having one or more endorsers, according to the following scale, viz:

If not exceeding one hundred dollars, five cents.

If above one hundred and not exceeding two hundred dollars, ten cents.

If above two hundred and not exceeding five hundred dollars, twenty five cents.

If above five hundred and not exceeding one thousand dollars, fifty cents.

If above one thousand and not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, seventy five cents.

If above fifteen hundred and not exceeding two thousand dollars, one dollar.

If above two thousand and not exceeding three thousand dollars, one dollar and fifty cents.

If above three thousand and not exceeding four thousand dollars, two dollars.

If above four thousand and not exceeding five thousand dollars, two dollars and fifty cents.

If above five thousand and not exceeding seven thousand dollars, three dollars and fifty cents.

If above seven thousand and not exceeding eight thousand dollars, four dollars.

If above eight thousand dollars, five dollars.

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to charge with a duty or require to be stamped any Treasury or other note or duties issued for the use or benefit of the United States, in pursuance of any act of Congress, or to any draft or bill drawn by the Treasurer of the United States, or any check payable at sight upon any bank, company or banker as aforesaid, or to charge with a duty any second or other copy of a set of exchange.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in respect to any stamp on any of the notes of the banks or companies aforesaid, now established or which may hereafter be established within the United States, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to agree to an annual composition in lieu of such stamp duty, with any of the said banks or companies, of one and a half per centum on the amount of the annual dividend made by such banks to their stockholders respectively.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the several duties aforesaid shall be levied, collected, received and accounted for, by and under the immediate direction & management of the collectors appointed under the act entitled "an act for the assessment and collection of direct taxes and internal duties," within their respective districts, subject to the superintendence, control and direction of the Treasury Department, according to the respective authorities and duties of the officers thereof.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the revenue to cause to be provided so many marks and stamps differing from each other, as shall correspond with the several rates of duty aforesaid; that is to say, one mark or stamp for each distinct rate of duty; with which marks and stamps respectively shall be marked or stamped all vellum, parchments, writings, matters and things herein before enumerated and charged, according to the nature and description of each of the said instruments, writings, matters and things as are hereinbefore specified and described; which said several marks and stamps shall be notified by a public notification or advertisement, to be issued by the commissioner of the revenue, and inserted in at least one newspaper printed in each state, and for not less than three months before the said last day of December next, to the end that all persons may have due notice thereof; and which said marks and stamps, or any of them, shall or may be altered or renewed from time to time as the said commissioner of the revenue shall think fit, so that like public notification thereof be made, for a term not less than three months before such new stamps or marks shall begin to be used.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That when any person or persons shall deposit any vellum, parchment, or paper at the office of any collector aforesaid, accompanying the same with a list which shall specify the number and denomination of the stamps or marks which are to be thereto affixed, it shall be the duty of the said collector to transmit the same to the office of the commissioner of the revenue, where such paper, parchment, and vellum, shall be properly marked or stamped, and forthwith sent back to the said collector, who shall thereupon collect the duties, and delivered the vellum, parchment, and paper, pursuant to the order of the person from whom it was received.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall write or print, or cause to be written or printed upon any unstamped vellum, parchment or paper, (with intent fraudulently to evade the duties imposed by this act,) any of the matters and things for which the said vellum, parchment or paper is hereby charged to pay any duty, or shall write or print, or cause to be written or printed, any matter or thing upon any vellum, parchment, or paper that shall be marked or stamped for any lower duty than the duty by this act payable, or shall write or print or cause to be written or printed on vellum, parchment or paper duly stamped any matters or things in respect whereof a duty is payable as aforesaid, at a distance from the stamps or marks impressed upon the said vellum, parchment or paper, with intent again to use the said stamp, vellum, parchment or paper, or with intent fraudulently to evade the duties imposed by this act; or shall write or print or cause to be written or printed any matters or things in respect whereof a duty is payable on any piece of stamped vellum, parchment or paper whereon there shall have been before written or printed any other matter or things in respect whereof a duty is payable by this act, before such vellum, parchment or paper shall have been again duly marked or stamped according to this act, such person so offending shall for every such offence forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars; and in case any clerk, officer or person, who, in respect of any public office or employment, is or shall be authorised or instructed to make, write or print any instruments or writings by this act charged to pay a duty as aforesaid, shall be guilty of any fraud, or practice to defraud or deprive the United States of any duty by this act payable, by making, writing, or printing any such instrument, or writing, or causing the same to be made, written, or printed upon vellum, parchment or paper, not marked or stamped according to this act, (or upon vellum, parchment, or paper marked or stamped with any mark or stamp which he shall know to be counterfeited), or by writing upon vellum, parchment, or paper that shall be marked or stamped for a lower duty as aforesaid, every such clerk, officer, or person so guilty, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall, instead of the penalty aforesaid, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars; and, if an officer of the United States, shall, in addition thereto, forfeit his office, and be disabled to hold or enjoy the same for the future.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That no instrument or writing whatever, charged by this act with the payment of a duty as aforesaid, shall be pleaded or given in evidence in any court, or admitted in any court to be available in law or equity, unless the same shall be stamped or marked as aforesaid: *Provided*, That if any such instrument or writing shall have been written or printed upon vellum, parchment or paper, not marked or stamped according to this act, or upon vellum, parchment or paper marked or stamped for a lower duty than ought to be paid upon the same, then and in such case, it shall be lawful for the person or persons holding such instrument or writing, to pay to the collector within whose collection district such person or persons shall reside, the duty chargeable by law on such instrument or writing, together with ten dollars in addition thereto, which duty and additional sum of ten dollars such collector is hereby authorized and required to receive, and without fee or reward to endorse a receipt therefor under his hand, upon some part of such instrument or writing, after which endorsement or writing, and not otherwise, such instrument or writing shall be to all intents and purposes as valid and available, as if the same had been or were stamped or marked, as by this act required. The sums thus received by each collector in virtue of this section shall be accounted for and paid over in the same manner as other monies received for stamp duties, and in such form and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Treasury Department. And if any person with intent to defraud the United States of any sum of monies, directed to be paid by this act, shall counterfeit or forge, or cause or procure to be counterfeited or forged, any receipt or amendment provided for and directed by this section, or shall utter, pass away, vend or offer in evidence in any court of justice, any such forged or counterfeit receipt or endorsement, knowing the same to be forged or counterfeit, then every person so offending and being thereof convicted in due form of law, shall be adjudged to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to be fined in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding seven years.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the last day of December next no bank or companies aforesaid now established, or which shall be hereafter established, which shall not have compounded for the duty hereby required, shall issue any bank bill or promissory note, unless upon paper duly stamped and whereon the respective duties shall have been paid; and if the officer of any such bank, or any person or persons employed therein, shall thereafter issue any bill or note not duly stamped as aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine equal to the value of the bill or note so issued.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who shall be employed for the marking or stamping of vellum, parchment or paper, as aforesaid, before his acting in the marking or stamping of the said vellum, parchment or paper, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I [insert here the name of the person] do solemnly swear [or affirm as the case may be] that I will, according to the best of my knowledge and skill, faithfully, honestly and carefully, execute the trust reposed in me, and will truly mark or stamp all vellum, parchment, or paper, which I shall be required or directed to mark or stamp, and will render a true and exact account thereof, to the proper officer or officers."

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the said collectors shall, from time to time, for the better execution of their several duties and trusts, observe and execute such directions as they respectively, shall from time to time receive from the Department of the Treasury; which Department shall take care that the several parts of the United States shall from time to time be sufficiently furnished with vellum, parchment and paper, stamped or marked as aforesaid, so that the citizens thereof may have it in their election to buy the same of the officers or persons to be employed in and about the execution of this act at the usual or most common rates above the said duty, or to bring their own vellum, parchment or paper to be marked or stamped as aforesaid.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any person, other than officers employed in collecting the revenue of the United States, shall apply to any collector aforesaid at the office of such collector for the purchase at one time, of any quantity of vellum, parchment or paper, stamped and marked in the manner aforesaid, the whole amount of the duties on which quantity shall be ten dollars or upwards, such collector shall be, and hereby is authorised and required, to deliver to such person such quantity of vellum, parchment, or paper stamped as aforesaid; the said person paying down the amount of the said duties, after deducting therefrom seven and one half per centum on such amount, which deduction, the said collector is hereby authorised and required to allow.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That all the paper wanted for the purposes of this act, excepting paper for bank notes, shall be furnished at the expense of the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby authorised to employ annually a sufficient sum, as well as an annual sum of twenty thousand dollars, for defraying the expenses of dies and of stamping the paper, shall be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collectors aforesaid, in their respective districts, and to prosecute for the recovery of the same, and for the recovery of any sum or sums which may be forfeited by virtue of this act. And all fines, penalties and forfeitures, which shall be incurred by force of this act, shall and may be sued for and recovered in the name of the United States, or of the collector aforesaid within whose district any such fine, penalty or forfeiture, shall have been incurred, by bill, plaint, or information, one moiety thereof to the use of the United States, and the other moiety thereof to the use of the person who, if a collector, aforesaid, shall first discover, if other than a collector, aforesaid shall first inform of the cause, matter or thing, whereby any such fine, penalty or forfeiture, shall have been incurred; and where the cause of action or complain shall arise or accrue more than fifty miles distant from the nearest place by law established for the holding of a district court within the district in which the same shall arise or accrue, such suit and recovery may be had before any court of the state holden within the said district, having jurisdiction in like cases.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force until the termination of the war in which the United States are now engaged with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof, and for one year thereafter, and no longer.

H. CLAY, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

E. GERRY, *Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*

August 2, 1813.

Approved, JAMES MADISON.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

JULY 14, 1813.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

That separate proposals will be received at the Office of the Secretary for the Department of War, until 12 o'clock at noon of the last Monday in November next, for the supply of all rations that may be required for the use of the United States, from the 1st day of June 1814 inclusive, to the 1st day of June 1815, within the States, Territories and Districts following, viz.

1st At Detroit, Michilimackinac, Fort Wayne, Chikago and in their immediate vicinities, and at any place or places, where troops are or may be stationed, marched, or recruited, within the Territory of Michigan, the vicinity of the Upper Lakes and the State of Ohio.

2d. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

3d. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the Illinois, Indiana and Missouri territories.

4th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the Mississippi territory, the State of Louisiana & their vicinities north of the Gulph of Mexico.

5th At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the District of Maine and State of New Hampshire and their northern vicinities.

6th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of Vermont and its northern vicinity.

7th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of Massachusetts, the town of Springfield excepted.

8th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

9th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of New York and its northern vicinity and western.

10th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of New Jersey.

11th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of Pennsylvania.

12th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the States of Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

13th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of Virginia.

14th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of North Carolina.

15th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the State of South Carolina.

16th. At any place or places where troops are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the limits of the State of Georgia and its southern vicinity.

17th. Proposals will be received, as aforesaid, for the supply of all rations which may be required by the United States, for the troops which are or may be stationed, marched or recruited within the town of Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts: and for the armorers and other persons employed in the United States' Armory at that place, from the 1st day of June 1814 inclusive, to the 1st day of June 1815.

A ration to consist of one pound and one quarter of beef, or three quarters of a pound of salted porx, eighteen ounces of bread or flour, one gill of rum, whiskey or brandy, and at the rate of two quarts of salt, four quarts of vinegar, four pounds of soap, and one pound and a half of candles, to every hundred rations. The prices of the several component parts of the ration shall be specified; but the United States reserve the right of making such alterations in the price of the component parts of the ration aforesaid, as shall make the price of each part thereof bear a just proportion to the proposed price of the whole ration. The rations to be furnished in such quantities that there shall at all times, during the term of the proposed contract, be sufficient for the consumption of the troops for six months in advance, of good and wholesome provisions, if the same shall be required. It is also to be permitted to and every of the commandants of fortified paces or posts, to call for, at seasons when the same can be transported, or at any time in case of urgency, such supplies of like provisions in advance, as in the discretion of the commandant shall be deemed proper.

It is understood that the contractor is to be at the expense and risk of issuing the supplies to the troops, and that all losses sustained by the depredations of the enemy, or by means of the troops of the United States, shall be paid by the United States at the price of the articles captured or destroyed as aforesaid, on the deposition of two or more persons of creditable characters, and the certificate of a commissioned officer, stating the circumstances of the loss, and the amount of the articles for which compensation shall be claimed.

The privilege is reserved to the United States of requiring that none of the supplies, which may be furnished under any of the proposed contracts, shall not be issued, until the supplies which have been or may be furnished under the contract now in force, have been consumed.

J. ARMSTRONG.

The editors of newspapers who are authorised to publish the laws of the United States, are requested to publish the foregoing advertisement twice a week for four successive weeks.

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NOTICE.

On application to me in writing, as one of the associate judges of the second judicial district of Maryland, by *Thomas Welch*, of Talbot county, in the recess of Talbot county court, praying the benefit of the act of assembly passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, entitled, "An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors," and the supplements thereto, a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, on oath, as far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition; and being satisfied by competent testimony that the said Thomas Welch is in actual confinement for debt only—I do hereby order that the body of the said Thomas Welch be discharged from imprisonment, and that he appear before Talbot county court on the first Saturday of November term next, to answer such interrogatories as may be propounded to him by his creditors, and also to deliver up his property to a trustee for the benefit of his creditors: and I do further order, that the said Thomas Welch give notice to his creditors, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in the Easton Star, once every two weeks, for the space of three months successively, before the said first Saturday in the said November term, before Talbot county court on the first Saturday in November term next, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit. Given under my hand, this ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

LEMUEL PURNELL.

True copy. Test—

J. LOOCKERMAN, Clk.

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QUEEN-ANN'S COUNTY, To wit.

On application to the subscriber, in the recess of the court, as associate judge of the second judicial district of the State of Maryland, by petition in writing of *Jacob Harrison*, of Queen-Ann's county, stating that he is in actual confinement, and praying for the benefit of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms therein mentioned, a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, on oath, so far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition; and the said Jacob Harrison having satisfied me by competent testimony that he has resided two years within the State of Maryland, immediately preceding the time of his application; and he having taken the oath by the said act prescribed, for the delivering up his property, and given sufficient security for his personal appearance at the county court of Queen-Ann's, to answer such allegations as may be made against him—I do order and adjudge, that the said Jacob Harrison be discharged from imprisonment, and that he give notice to his creditors, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in one of the newspapers at Easton, once in every two weeks for three months before the first Saturday of next October term, to appear before the said county court, at the court house, before 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said Jacob Harrison should not have the benefit of the said act and supplements, as prayed. Given under my hand this 19th of April, 1813. *LEMUEL PURNELL.*

july 6——1e2w3m: 36,20:a3,17,31:s14,28:o12

QUEEN ANN'S COUNTY, To wit.

On application to the subscriber, in the recess of the court, as chief judge of the second judicial district of the State of Maryland, by petition in writing of *William Harrison*, of Queen-Ann's county, stating that he is in actual confinement, and praying for the benefit of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, and the several supplements thereto, on the terms therein mentioned, a schedule of his property and a list of his creditors, on oath, so far as he can ascertain them, being annexed to his petition; and the said William Harrison having satisfied me by competent testimony that he has resided two years within the State of Maryland immediately preceding the time of his application; and he having taken the oath by the said act prescribed for delivering up his property, and given sufficient security for his personal appearance at the county court of Queen-Ann's, to answer such allegations as may be made against him. I do order and adjudge that the said William Harrison be discharged from imprisonment, and that he give the notice to his creditors by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in one of the newspapers at Easton, once in every two weeks for three months, before the first Saturday of next October term, to appear before the said County Court at the Court House before eleven o'clock in the forenoon of that day, for the purpose of recommending a trustee for their benefit, and to shew cause, if any they have, why the said William Harrison should not have the benefit of the said act and supplements as prayed. Given under my hand this 26th June, 1813. R. T. EARLE.

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FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Runaway from the subscriber, on the morning of the 13th instant, a yellow man by the name of *Pollard*, about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; stout and well made, 25 years of age. He has since been seen near Hall's Cross Roads, where he committed a robbery on a poor widow, and obtained a pair of new thicksett pantaloons, of an olive colour, and other articles not recollected—A description of the clothing he had on when he absconded is unnecessary, as he has already stolen different pieces of clothing, for the purpose of changing his dress, that he may more effectually elude a description. He has a large scar on the left side of his head, occasioned from the cut of a hoe, while engaged in combat with his adversary. He was formerly purchased by me, out of Dorchester county, near Vienna ferry, of Mr. Henry E. Elbert, who at that time resided on the farm that formerly belonged to Mr. Thomas Smith.—He will probably return to that place, where he has, no doubt, some acquaintances; or proceed to the town of Cambridge, where I am informed his former master resides, for the purpose of seeing his relatives. The above reward will be paid, if brought home or secured in Centreville jail—and if taken out of the State, sixty dollars, and all reasonable expences paid.

WILLIAM Y. BOURKE.

Near Centreville, Queen Ann's county, Maryland, may 25 ——m

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Ranaway from the subscriber, on the 27th ult. a bright mulatto bound servant called *DANIEL*, about seventeen or eighteen years of age, of a slender form, near five feet high; his hair is long and straight, of a light colour and very fine, no resemblance of a negro's wool; the features of his face regular and fine, except his under lip which is large and drops so as to show his under teeth.—Had on and took with him one pair of nankeen pantaloons, one pair cross-barred do. one red spotted vest, one striped coatee, one new pair of shoes, one half worn fur hat, and two half worn muslin shirts, besides a number of other articles, of winter cloathing. The above reward will be given, if secured in any goal so that I get him again, and all reasonable charges if brought home.

All masters of vessels and others are forwarned harboring him at their peril.

JAMES WAINWRIGHT.

Easton, Md june 1——m

☞ The Editors of the Wilmington Watchman and Philadelphia Aurora will please to insert the above three times, and send their accounts to this office. J. W.

NOTICE.

Was committed to the gaol of Frederick county, Maryland, on the 2d day of July last, as a runaway, a negro man who calls himself *Robert Gibbs*—he is about 24 years of age, pretty well made, 5 feet 9 inches high. His clothing when committed were, a striped cotton waistcoat, an oznaburg shirt, a light blue pair of cotton pantaloons, and a pair of coarse shoes, and wool hat. His right ear bit off, a scar on the right side of his under lip, likewise a scar on the right side of the nose—Says he belongs to Mr. John Mitchell, of Winchester, Virginia. The owner is hereby requested to come and release him, otherwise he will be sold for his imprisonment fees, as the law directs.

MORRIS JONES, Sh'ff

Frederick county, Maryland.

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NOTICE.

Was committed to the gaol of Frederick county, Maryland, on the 11th inst. as a runaway, a dark mulatto man, who calls himself *Stephen*—He is about six feet high, stout and well made, supposed to be about 42 years of age—His clothing when committed, were a cross-barred pair of cotton pantaloons, a striped waistcoat, an old hat, an oznaburg shirt, a pair of coarse shoes, and a red coating doublet; says he belongs to a Mr. Samuel Robinson, of Montgomery county (Georgetown Mills). The owner is hereby requested to come and release him, otherwise he will be sold for his imprisonment fees as the law directs.

MORRIS JONES, Sheriff

of Frederick county, Md

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