

# Congress of the United States:

AT THE SECOND SESSION,

Begun and held at the City of New-York,

On Monday the fourth of January, one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety.

*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 Pepperellborough as one; Portland and Falmouth as one; Bath, Wiscasset, Kennebec, Frenchman's Bay, Machias and Passamaquady. To the district of Newbury-port shall be annexed the several towns or landing-places of Hunsbury, 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 Plymouth. To the district of Barnstable shall be annexed the several towns or landing-places of Sandwich, Falmouth, Harwich, Wellfleet, Provincetown, and Chatham, as ports of delivery only.*