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EXPLANATORY.

The Laws in the following collection, are thus arranged :

Under the head of *Navy Department*, are included all those Acts of Congress which relate to the institution of the Department, the general duties of the Secretary, and the pecuniary accountability of officers and agents.

The head of *Naval Armament*, comprehends all the Laws in force, up to the 4th of March, 1825, relative to the construction, purchase, equipment, and disposal, from time to time, of public vessels of war; the employment of seamen, and legal provisions of an incidental nature.

Under the head of *Marine Corps*, will be found all the enactments of Congress, concerning that Corps, to the 3d of March, 1817, inclusive, when it was fixed at a peace establishment.

The head of *Government of the Navy*, comprises the rules and regulations by which it is governed, with respect to the obligations, duties, and punishment, of officers and men, and the organization and powers of Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry.

The laws relating to *Pensions*, are arranged under two heads : 1. *Navy Pensions*, which embraces all the provisions on that subject for claims, in virtue of services, sufferings, and death, in public armed vessels : And 2. *Privateer Pensions*, which includes the like provisions with regard to claims, in reference to private armed vessels.

The head of *Navy Hospitals*, includes all the laws in force, respecting institutions of that kind, to the 26th of February, 1811.

Under the head of *Crime of Piracy*, are arranged the Acts passed from the 3d of March, 1819, to the 30th of January, 1823, both inclusive, for the protection of commerce, punishment of piratical offences, and declaring certain offences to be piracy.

Under the head of *Slave Trade*, the Act of the 3d of March, 1819, prohibiting that trade, and prescribing the conduct to be observed

by the officers of the Navy, in relation to vessels and persons that may be engaged in that traffic.

The head of *Resolutions*, comprises all the Acts of Congress, in that form, from the 29th of March, 1800, to the 22nd of February, 1816, expressive of the exalted sentiments entertained by the nation with respect to the gallant and heroic behaviour and achievements of the officers, seamen, and marines, of the Navy, and the thanks, medals, swords, and extra pay, voted to them respectively.

In several instances, the provisions respecting the Naval Establishment are so commingled, and interwoven with those relative to other Departments, that, to separate them entirely, it would have been necessary to disjoint them, and vary, in a considerable degree, the phraseology. However allowable this may be in a *Digest*, it is scarcely admissible in a *Collection*, of Laws; and hence most of the sections of this description have been given at large, without curtailment, so as to avoid the possibility of mistake, and to prevent error.

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