

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

THAT there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register to each of the Spanish Steam vessels Tri-dente and Cetro for the purpose of enabling them to be employed in a line of Ocean Steamships to run between the ports of New York, Havana, New Orleans, and Vera Cruz, touching at Key West or any other intermediate port in the United States, if found desirable on the same footing as vessels of the United States; Provided, That the said Steam vessels shall be officered and manned by and be under the entire control of citizens of the United States, and that the profits arising from the employment of said vessels shall belong to them, and provided also, That the privileges conferred by this act shall cease as soon as the owners of said line of Ocean Steamships shall be able to supply the place of the above named Spanish Steam vessels by Steam vessels built in the United States and that said privileges shall, in no event, continue beyond the period of two years from the passage of this act.

Passed the Senate
May 19. 1848

Attest

Wm. B. Ewing,
Secretary

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An Act

authorizing the issuing
of Registers to the Span-
ish Steam vessels Tri-
dente and Petro for
a limited time.

In the House of Representatives

May 27th. 1848

Resolved that this bill do pass

Attest

Wm. M. Paine Secy. Thos. J. Campbell
Clerk

May 29th W. Hunt to reconsider
vote on passage - pending

Passes