ACT OF MARCH 3, 1849,

Authorizing the coinage of gold dollars and double eagles.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, from time to time, struck and coined at the Mint of the United States and the branches thereof, comformably in all respects to law (except that on the reverse of the gold dollar the figure of the eagle shall be omitted), and conformably in all respects to the standard for gold coins now established by law, coins of gold of the following denomination and values, viz; double eagles, each to be of the value of twenty dollars, or units, and gold dollars, each to be of the value of one dollar, or unit.

Coinage of double eagles and gold dollars authorized.

See act Feb. 21, 1853, sec. 7.

See act Feb. 12, 1873, sec. 14.

Double eagle and gold dollar to be legal tender.
Ibid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for all sums whatever, the double eagle shall be a legal tender for twenty dollars and the gold dollar shall be a legal tender for one dollar.

All laws now in force in relation to the coins of the United States to apply to the coins herein authorized.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws now in force in relation to the coins of the United States, and the striking and coining the same, shall so far as applicable, have full force and effect in relation to the coins herein authorized, whether the said laws are penal or otherwise; and whether they are for preventing counterfeiting or abasement, for protecting the currency, for regulating and guarding the process of striking and coining, and the preparations therefor, or for the security of the coin, or for any other purpose.

Weights of gold coin.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, in adjusting the weights of gold coin henceforward, the following deviations from the standard weight shall not be exceeded in any of the single pieces—namely, in the double eagle, the eagle, and the half eagle, one half of a grain, and in the quarter eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a grain; and that in weighing a large number of pieces together, when delivered from the chief coiner to the treasurer, and from the treasurer to the depositors, the deviation from the standard weight shall not exceed three penny weights in one thousand double eagles; two penny weights in one thousand eagles; one and one half penny weights in one thousand half eagles; one penny weight in one thousand quarter eagles; and one half of a penny weight in one thousand gold dollars.