

Territory, or income accruing to the government of any possession of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof.

Whenever any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, or any political subdivision of a State or Territory, prior to September 8, 1916, entered in good faith into a contract with any person, the object and purpose of which is to acquire, construct, operate, or maintain a public utility, no tax shall be levied under the provisions of this title upon the income derived from the operation of such public utility, so far as the payment thereof will impose a loss or burden upon such State, Territory, District of Columbia, or political subdivision; but this provision is not intended to confer upon such person any financial gain or exemption or to relieve such person from the payment of a tax as provided for in this title upon the part or portion of such income to which such person is entitled under such contract;

(8) So much of the amount received during the present war by a person in the military or naval forces of the United States as salary or compensation in any form from the United States for active services in such forces, as does not exceed \$3,500. * * *

ART. 71. What excluded from gross income.—Gross income excludes the items of income specifically exempted by the statute and also certain other kinds of income by statute or fundamental law free from tax. Such tax-free income should not be included in the return of income and need not be mentioned in the return, unless information regarding it is specifically called for, as in the case, for example, of interest on municipal bonds. See article 402. The exclusion of such income should not be confused with the reduction of taxable income by the application of allowable deductions. See section 212 of the statute and article 21. As to exclusions from gross income by corporations, see section 233 and article 541.

ART. 72. Proceeds of insurance.—(a) Upon the death of an insured the proceeds of his life insurance policies, whether paid to his estate or to individual beneficiaries (including partnerships), directly or in trust, are excluded from the gross income of the beneficiary. See article 541. (b) During his life only so much of the amount received by an insured under life, endowment or annuity contracts as represents a return, without interest, of premiums paid by him therefor is excluded from his gross income. See article 47. (c) Whether he be alive or dead, the amounts received by an insured or his estate or other beneficiaries through accident or health insurance or under workmen's compensation acts as compensation for personal injuries or sickness are excluded from the gross income of the insured, his estate and other beneficiaries. Any damages recovered by suit or agreement on account of such injuries or sickness are similarly excluded from the gross income of the individual injured or sick, if living, or of his estate or other beneficiaries entitled to receive such damages, if dead. See further article 294. Since June 25, 1918, no assessment of any Federal tax may be made on any allotments, family allowances, compensation, or death or disa-

bility insurance payable under the War Risk Insurance Act of September 2, 1914, as amended, even though the benefit accrued before that date.

ART. 73. Gifts and bequests.—Money and real or personal property received as gifts, or received under a will or under statutes of descent and distribution, are exempt from tax, although the income therefrom derived from investment, sale or otherwise is not. See section 202 of the statute and articles 32, 51, and 1562. An amount of principal paid under a marriage settlement is a gift. Neither alimony nor an allowance based on a separation agreement is taxable income. See article 291.

ART. 74. Interest upon State obligations.—Among income exempt from tax is interest upon the obligations of a State, Territory, or any political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia. Obligations issued for a public purpose by or on behalf of the State or Territory or a duly organized political subdivision acting by constituted authorities duly empowered to issue such obligations are the obligations of a State or Territory or a political subdivision thereof. The term "political subdivision" denotes any division of the State or Territory made by the proper authorities thereof acting within their constitutional powers for the purpose of carrying out a portion of those functions of the State or Territory which by long usage and the inherent necessities of government have always been regarded as public. Political subdivisions of a State or Territory, within the meaning of the exemption, include special assessment districts so created, such as road, water, sewer, gas, light, reclamation, drainage, irrigation, levee, school, harbor, port improvement, and similar districts and divisions of a State or Territory. The purchase by a State of property subject to a mortgage executed to secure an issue of bonds does not render the bonds obligations of the State, and the interest upon them does not become exempt from taxation, whether or not the State assumes the payment of the bonds.

ART. 75. Dividends and interest from Federal land bank and national farm loan association.—As section 26 of the Federal Farm Loan Act of July 17, 1916, provides that every Federal land bank and every national farm loan association, including the capital and reserve or surplus therein and the income derived therefrom, shall be exempt from taxation, except taxes upon real estate, and that farm loan bonds, with the income therefrom, shall be exempt from taxation, the income derived from dividends on stock of Federal land banks and national farm loan associations and from interest on such farm loan bonds is not subject to the income tax. See also section 231 (13) of the statute.

ART. 76. Dividends from Federal reserve bank.—As section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, 1913, provides that Federal