

No. 2 An Act to prevent Infection from the Ship Chance.

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[Preamble.]

Whereas the Ship Chance now riding at Anchor in the Harbour of the City of Annapolis hath on board a Number of persons infected with the Flux and putrid Fever. And divers Servants have been landed from on board the said Ship some of whom are now ill of the said disorders to the Manifest—hazard of the Health of the Inhabitants and of the General Assembly now convened

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary by and with the advice and consent of his Governor and the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly and the Authority of the same That it shall and may be lawful for the Sherriff of Ann Arundel County and he is hereby directed and required immediately to remove or cause to be removed the said ship Chance from the River Severn where she now rides at Anchor without the Mouth of the said River and at least One Mile from the Shore and there moore the said Ship

[Ship Chance to be removed.]

And be it Enacted that after the said Ship shall be removed as aforesaid it shall not be Lawful for any Person belonging to the said Ship to quit the same by going on board any other Ship or Vessel or by coming on shore to the City of Annapolis or Elsewhere within this province or to land any goods or Merchandizes from on board the said Ship without Leave from the Governor or Commander in Cheif of this Province first had and obtained under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds Sterling for every Offence and that any Person who shall go on board the said Ship after she shall be removed as aforesaid and shall return on Shore without such License shall forfeit One Hundred pounds Sterling for every offence And if any servant or Slave shall go on board the same Ship without Such License such Offender shall be whipped on his bare Back not Exceeding thirty nine Stripes and if any person shall go on board and come from the same ship without such Leave as aforesaid it shall and may be Lawful for the said Sherriff or for any Justice of the Peace to compel even by force and Violence in Case of Resistance such offender to return immediately on board the said Ship there to remain untill he shall obtain leave as aforesaid under the Penalty of One Hundred pounds Sterling Money—

[No Person to quit the Ship or land Goods &c. under Penalty &c.]

And that the said Sheriff and such persons as shall be appointed by him and no others may supply the persons on board the said ship with Water, wood provisions and other Necessaries

[A boat to be kept by the Sheriff some Distance from the Ship to supply the People on board with Necessaries:]

Be it Enacted that a Boat shall be Anchord at least Two Hundred Yards distance from the said ship and the said Sheriff and such persons as shall be appointed by him, and no others Shall Supply the persons on board with all Necessaries by putting the same on board the said boat and the person carrying such provisions shall not go on board the said ship on any pretence whatsoever,

[And to provide a Place where the Ship may be brought and the People landed &c.]

And be it Enacted that the said Sheriff shall and he is hereby authorized and required as soon as possible to agree for and provide