

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the value of all damaged goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state, shall be ascertained by the oaths of two impartial men, judges of goods, one to be appointed by the naval officer, the other by the owner or owners of the goods imported and damaged, and in case of disagreement, they to call in a third person, to determine likewise on oath the said value, which shall be conclusive, and the duty paid accordingly; and where any vessel or vessels have heretofore entered into any port or harbour within this state, and have departed this state without breaking bulk, and the duties on such vessels and their cargoes have been paid, or secured by bond to be paid, that said duties, if paid, shall be repaid to the owner or importer, and if only secured by bond to be paid, that such bond or bonds shall be cancelled.

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Value of damaged goods to be ascertained, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That where any vessel or vessels, belonging to subjects of foreign nations in amity and alliance with the United States, are compelled by stress of weather, or damage received, to enter into the ports or harbours of this state to avoid shipwreck, or to repair their damages, that the duties shall be collected on the goods landed and sold only, and if it should be necessary to land the whole, or any part of the cargo, to refit the vessel, the goods, wares and merchandise, so landed, shall be stored in some convenient warehouse under lock, and the key to be kept by the naval officer, and such goods at all times subject to his inspection.

Duties to be paid on goods sold only, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That when any vessel or vessels shall enter into any port or harbour within this state for the purpose of traffic, and cannot meet with a suitable sale for their cargoes, and do not break bulk, such vessels shall be subject only to the duty on tannage; and if the importers of any goods, wares or merchandise, at any time after landing, shall not find a ready and advantageous sale, and choose to reship such goods, wares or merchandise, or any part thereof, that licence shall be given them for that purpose by the naval officer, without subjecting such goods, wares and merchandise, so reshipped, to any duty or duties imposed by this state for its separate emolument; and if any duties have been paid, or secured by bond to be paid, the said duties, if paid, shall be repaid to the importer, if only secured to be paid, the bond shall be cancelled; and the master of every such vessel, and the owner or owners of such goods, wares and merchandise, so reshipped, shall first give their bond or bonds, with good and sufficient security, to the naval officer, that the said goods, wares and merchandise, or any part thereof, shall not be relanded in any part of this state, and shall previously satisfy the naval officer for the fees due, and that the said goods, wares and merchandise, were legally imported.

Vessels not breaking bulk to pay for tannage only, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That the documents, and other papers, belonging to the vessels of his Most Christian Majesty, shall be lodged with his consul, or deputy consuls, to be delivered to the masters of such vessels by said consul, or his deputies, on his or their receiving a certificate under the hand and seal of office of such naval officer, that the fees of office, and duties imposed by this state for its separate emolument, have been duly paid.

Papers to be lodged with consul, &c.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That all goods, wares and merchandise, imported for the use and consumption of the minister of his Most Christian Majesty, the minister of their High Mightinesses the United Provinces of the Netherlands, or the minister or ministers of such kingdoms or nations as are or may be in alliance with the United States, shall be duty free; and where any duty has been paid on any goods, wares or merchandise, imported as aforesaid, the same shall be repaid.

Certain goods imported to be duty free, &c.

VII. *And be it enacted,* That all duties imposed by this act shall be levied and collected in the same manner, and at the same *per centum*, as is directed by an act, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

How duties are to be collected, &c.