

C H A P. LXXIX. bar any seaman or mariner belonging to any merchant-ship or vessel, from entering, or being entered, into the service on board of any of the vessels belonging to this state, or the United States; nor shall such seaman or mariner, for such entry, forfeit the wages due to him, during the term of his service in such merchant-ship or vessel, nor shall such entry be deemed a desertion.

Part of an act repealed.

XLVI. **And be it enacted,** That so much of the act, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, as continues the act to prevent frauds in commerce, and to direct the duty of naval officers, for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Act of 1783 not altered, &c.

XLVII. **And be it enacted,** That nothing in this act contained shall repeal, or be construed to repeal or alter, the act, entitled, An act laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three.

A public act.

XLVIII. **And be it enacted,** That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a public act, and all judges and justices are hereby obliged to take notice of it as such, without specially pleading the same.

Continuance.

XLIX. This act to continue for seven years, and to the end of the next session of the general assembly thereafter.

C H A P. LXXX.

An ACT respecting the appointment of delegates to congress.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is necessary that each state in the union should constantly have delegates properly authorized to act in the assembly of the United States,

Delegates to be annually appointed, &c.

II. **Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,** That the delegates for this state in congress shall hereafter be annually appointed on the third Monday in November, or on some other day of the same week, with power and authority to meet and act as delegates for this state in congress on the second Monday in December next after such appointment, and for one whole year thereafter, to commence from such second Monday in December, and also to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, to be appointed by the United States in congress assembled within the time aforesaid.

In case of resignation another to be appointed, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** If any delegate from this state in congress, after such appointment, shall resign, die, refuse to act, or be recalled, another delegate in his stead shall be appointed for the remainder of the year only.

Form of commission, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That a commission shall issue to the delegates to be appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, with the great seal of the state thereto annexed, and the commission shall be in the following form, to wit: "To _____ The state of Maryland reposing special trust and confidence in your diligence, wisdom and fidelity, hath appointed you delegates for this state in the United States in congress assembled, with full power and authority to you, or any two or more of you, to represent and act for this state in the United States in congress assembled, for one whole year from the second Monday of December next; and also you, or either of you, are fully empowered and authorized to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, which may within the time aforesaid be appointed by the United States in congress assembled. Given under my hand, and the seal of the state, at the city of Annapolis, this _____ day of _____ anno domini ----."

How long they may act, &c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the present delegates for this state in the United States in congress assembled, or any two or more of them, shall have power and authority to represent and act for this state in congress, until the fourth day of December next; and also each or either of them have full power and authority to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, to be appointed

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