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C H A P. II. 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,

Ship Chance to be removed.

II. 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 Sheriff of Anne-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 moor the said Ship.

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

III. 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 Chief 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 Licence, shall forfeit One Hundred Pounds Sterling for every Offence; and if any Servant or Slave shall go on board the same Ship without such Licence, 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 Sheriff, 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 until he shall obtain Leave as aforesaid, under the Penalty of One Hundred Pounds Sterling Money.

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

IV. 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, Be it enacted, That a Boat shall be anchored 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 Persons 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.

V. 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 a convenient Place, not within One Mile of the said City, where the said Ship may be brought, and the Persons on Board may be landed and provided with Necessaries, by Consent of the Owner of the Soil where they may be landed; and when he hath agreed for such Place, the said Sheriff shall, and he is hereby authorized and required to cause the said Ship to be removed, with the Licence of the Governor or Commander in Chief, and left in such Situation that the Persons on Board may be landed by the said Sheriff, and provided with all Necessaries; and the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit are hereby required to pay to the said Sheriff, any Number of Dollars that may be wanting not exceeding Four Hundred Dollars, to be laid out in defraying his Expences in the Execution of this Act; and the said Sheriff shall retain One Hundred of the said Dollars