

think proper to put into commission, and that the same bounty above mentioned be given to all the sailors and marines that may be wanted for manning said galley.

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XVI. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered to cause such of the galleys and armed boats, and other vessels as are not wanted or cannot be fitted and manned, to be unrigged and laid up in some secure harbour, out of the way of danger from the ice in winter or worm in summer, and that they cause such only of them to be armed and otherwise compleatly fitted, as may be necessary for the defence of our bay and rivers, or for other public services; and that the governor and council be requested to keep the same constantly cruising, and more especially towards the mouth of the river Patowmack and the Sound; and that the governor and the council have full power and authority to fix and ascertain the number of officers that may be necessary for the galleys and armed boats that may be kept in action, and also to ascertain the pay and rations of such officers; provided such pay and rations do not exceed the continental pay and rations allowed from time to time by congress, to officers of similar rank.

Galleys, &c.
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to be unrigged,
&c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the governor and council to permit any person or persons residing in any of the United States, who shall come recommended by the executive power of the state to which he or they shall belong, or any inhabitant of this state in whom the governor and council may confide, to export, transport, and carry away, any of the articles and commodities enumerated in the act, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual, into either of the said states, for the necessary use and consumption of any of its inhabitants whose wants and distresses may prompt and excite them to make application for such licence, and render them proper objects of compassion, such person or persons exporting, transporting, or carrying away any of the said articles and commodities, and every person on board his or their vessel, seaman or passenger, first taking his solemn oath, or (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) affirmation, "That he or they will not, directly or indirectly, be privy to or concerned in any measure whatsoever which may tend to defeat the arrival of such vessel at the port to which such vessel shall clear out, but that he or they shall and will, without any deception, mental reservation or equivocation whatever, take every measure to carry into effect the licence granted to such person or persons for exporting, transporting, and carrying away the articles and commodities aforesaid."

Governor and
council may
permit persons
recommended,
&c. to export
wheat,
&c.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That such person or persons applying to the governor and council for such permit shall, previous to his or their shipping or putting on board any of the said articles or commodities, take an oath or affirmation, as the case may be, "That the said articles and commodities, to be by him or them shipped, exported, transported, and carried away, are intended for the necessary use and consumption of persons residing in the state for which his or their vessel shall clear out, and that the same shall not be sold unless to persons of the same state who may be in want, and then at no more than actual cost and charges

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