

C H A P. XVI. is thought by this general assembly expedient and proper to be complied with, under certain limitations:

Governor and council may permit Indian corn to be transported to Bermuda, &c.

XVII. **Be it enacted,** That it shall be lawful for the governor and council to permit any quantity not exceeding ten thousand bushels of Indian corn, to be transported from this state to the said islands of Bermuda, for the relief of the inhabitants thereof, provided there be imported by the commander of every vessel applying for such permit, a quantity of salt, for the benefit of the inhabitants of this state, equal to the quantity of corn intended to be carried out, and provided also, that the person exporting the same, and also every person on board such vessel, first taking his solemn oath, or (if a quaker, menonist or dunker) solemn 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 of her delivery aforesaid, but that he or they shall and will take every measure to carry into effect the licence aforesaid, and will transmit or endeavour to transmit, to the governor and council, a certificate under the signature of at least two of the principal inhabitants of the said islands, of the delivery and faithful application of said provision, in case the same shall arrive.

XVIII. **And,** Whereas it hath been represented, that the indulgence heretofore granted for the exportation of provisions hath been greatly abused, the same being carried out in many instances in vessels that were heavy sailers, and for the most part unarmed, by means whereof great part of the flour and other provisions hath been captured by the enemy:

Persons applying for permits to prove their vessels to be good failers, &c.

XIX. **Be it enacted,** That in all cases where permits are requested in virtue of this act, before the same are granted, the person or persons applying for the same shall make it appear, to the satisfaction of the governor and council, that the vessel in which the same is about to be transported is a good sailer, and well manned and armed; if otherwise, the said vessel, when loaded, not to be allowed to sail from the port or place where the cargo be shipped, until satisfaction be given to the governor and council that such vessel is about to sail under convoy, any thing in the above act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Vessels sailing contrary to this act, owner to forfeit treble the value, &c.

XX. **And be it enacted,** That if any vessel belonging to the state of Maryland shall sail from hence with provisions, contrary to the prohibitions contained in this act, without any clearance, the owner thereof shall forfeit treble the value of the vessel and cargo, to be recovered by indictment or information, in the name of the state, one half to the use of the informer, and moreover, if such vessel return into this state, she, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be liable to seizure and condemnation in the court of admiralty.

Horses, &c. to be forfeited, carrying any prohibited articles out of the state, &c.

XXI. **And be it enacted,** That if any of the articles herein enumerated shall be carried out, or attempted to be carried out, of this state, contrary to this act, either on horses or other beast of burthen, or in any waggon, cart, or other carriage, the same, together with the horses, oxen, or other beasts, employed in such service, and their gears, and harness, shall be forfeited, the whole to the informer or informers.

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