

ploy him constantly on board his boat, instructing him in the art of piloting; and such apprentice shall have freedom dues, and the usual allowance to apprentices, at the expiration of his time, and he shall be exempt from militia duty during the time of his apprenticeship.

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XX. And be it enacted, That no pilot, licensed in virtue of this act, shall undertake to conduct or pilot any vessel from sea, and bound to any port in the state of Virginia, unless such vessel is below the Horse-shoe, and no pilot appointed by law of that state shall be below the Horse-shoe, and shall offer to pilot such vessel, and in such case the pilot from this state shall deliver up such vessel to the Virginia pilot, and shall demand no reward, and it is expected that the legislature of Virginia will make a similar regulation as to vessels from sea, and bound to some port in this state.

Not to pilot
vessels from
sea to Virgi-
nia, &c.

XXI. And be it enacted, That all contracts made between the master of any vessel in distress and any pilot, shall be void, but the pilot shall be entitled to a reasonable reward for his aid and services rendered.

Contracts to
be void, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any of the said board of examiners shall die, resign, refuse, remove from the said town, or be otherwise rendered incapable to act, the governor may appoint some fit and proper person, out of three persons to be recommended to him by the said board, to fill up such vacancy.

How vacan-
cies are to be
filled.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That this act shall commence on the first day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and shall continue in force three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly thereafter; and the state printer shall furnish the board of examiners with one hundred copies of this act, and the said board shall deliver one copy, signed by four of the said board, to each pilot, on his obtaining licence as a pilot.

Commence-
ment and
continuance,
&c.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT for the relief of the representatives and securities of Adam Fisher, late collector for Frederick county.

Passed De-
cember 17.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that there is due from the said Adam Fisher, on his collection for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, to the public, including interest, seven thousand six hundred and ninety pounds three shillings, besides a small balance to the county on the county assessment, and *fieri facias* hath been issued in the life-time of the said Adam Fisher against him and his securities, John Ransburgh, Nicholas Hower and Thomas Ogle, on his bond as collector of the said public assessment, by virtue of which writ the lands and other property of the said principal and securities were taken in execution and remained unsold, and farther process issued, commanding a sale of the said property, but before sale thereof, in the month of August last, the said Adam Fisher died, and the collection from that time entirely ceased: And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that great part of the said balance due to the public remains unpaid by the people charged with the public assessment, and in the hands of the deputies employed in the collection thereof, and that a time being given for the recovery and receipt thereof, and for the sale of part of the estate of the said Adam Fisher, his securities would be indemnified, and the ruin of the securities and their families, and also of the family of the said Adam Fisher, which must take place on a rigorous sale, would be prevented; and therefore the widow of the said Adam Fisher, and his securities, by their humble petition, have prayed the indulgence of the legislature:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on the executors or administrators of the said Adam Fisher giving bond, payable to this state, for the balance of the principal due from the said Adam Fisher for the public assessment, with six per cent. interest thereon from the time it ought to have been paid, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the commissioners of

Executors, on
giving bond,
may collect,
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