

C H A P.
LXIII.
Not to pilot ves-
sels from sea to
Virginia, &c.

XXI. 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 of Virginia, unless such vessel is below the Horseshoe, and no pilot appointed by law of that state shall be below the Horseshoe, and shall offer to pilot such vessel, in such case the pilot from this state shall deliver up such vessel to the first authorised Virginia pilot who shall speak him, and will take charge of the said vessel, and shall demand no reward, provided the legislature of Virginia have made a similar regulation as to vessels from sea, and bound to some port in this state.

Contracts to be
void, &c.

XXII. 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.

How vacancies
are to be filled,
&c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said board of examiners shall die, resign, refuse to act or remove from the said city, or be otherwise rendered incapable to act, the remaining examiners, or a majority of them, shall fill up such vacancy, provided that they shall so regulate their appointments as to have at least one member of the board a person skilled in the business of piloting.

Commence-
ment, &c.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall commence on the first day of February, eighteen hundred and four, and shall continue in force until the congress of the United States of America shall take cognizance of the subject.

Vessels obliged
to take a pilot,
&c.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all vessels belonging to persons not citizens of any of the United States, which shall hereafter arrive from sea at any port or ports in this state, shall be obliged to take a pilot, (in case any one offers,) and pay one third additional pilotage in addition to the fees allowed by this act, and if the captain of such vessel shall refuse to take such pilot on application, he shall notwithstanding be answerable for, and liable to pay, such pilotage, in the same manner as if the service was performed.

Penalty for ne-
glecting to re-
new warrants,
&c.

XXVI. AND, for an inducement to pilots to pay attention to renew their warrants annually in the months of April and May in every year, BE IT ENACTED, That such pilot or pilots who shall neglect to renew as aforesaid, shall, after the first day of June in every year, pay double fees for a renewal of their warrants, unless prevented by sickness, or being carried out to sea.

Board compe-
tent to deter-
mine, &c.

XXVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid board of examiners shall be competent to determine, decide and adjudge, all and every matter relative to this act, whether penalty or dispute, within three days after application by the complainants.

Acts repealed.

XXVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and the supplement thereto, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, so far as the same is provided for by this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

C H A P. LXIV.

Passed 7th of
January, 1804.

An ACT enabling the inhabitants of Worcester county to stop Sinepuxent bay at or between the Haw Hammocks and the Thoroughfare, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of a number of subscribers, inhabitants of the upper part of Worcester county, that the navigation from Saint-Martin's landing and the Little bay to Sinepuxent inlet is obstructed by shoals, so that there is great danger in the navigation thereof, and it being conceived by stopping the bay, called Sinepuxent Bay, at or between the Haw Hammocks and the Thoroughfare, that an inlet will open above the place so stopped, in such manner as to afford an easy and safe navigation to all the upper part of the said county, and its vicinity; and this general assembly, being strongly impressed with the general utility of the said undertaking, and the beneficial consequences that will be derived from the accomplishment thereof to the inhabitants of the county and state, by facilitating the trade thereof, and being willing to give the said undertakers every proper encouragement and support;

Books to be
opened, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for Abisha Davis, Richard Sampson, James Law, senior, Ambrose White and Robert Mitchell, as managers, to