

For discouraging persons, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, by any word, open deed, writing, printing, or other act, wickedly, corruptly or seditiously, dissuade, discourage, or terrify, any of the people of this state from supporting the independency of the United States, or any of them, or shall directly or indirectly endeavour to support or justify the measures taken by the king and parliament of Great Britain against the United States, or any of them, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court, such person shall be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, in the discretion of the court.

And for corresponding with enemies, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state, shall write or convey any letter, or send or carry any message, to any person employed in the service of Great Britain against the United States, or any of them, without the leave of the governor of this state, or some one of the general officers of the army of the United States, or shall knowingly receive or bring any letter or message from any such person, and shall not deliver or communicate the same, as soon as conveniently may be, to the governor, or some one of the judges or justices of the peace within this state, and shall be thereof convicted in any county court of this state, such person shall be fined not exceeding one hundred pounds current money, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 10, 11. Punished the forgery of a class of public securities issued during the revolutionary war.

Dangerous persons may be arrested, &c.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That in case this state shall be invaded by the enemy, the governor for the time being, with the advice of the council, shall have full power and authority to arrest, or order to be arrested, all persons whose going at large the governor and council shall have good grounds to believe may be dangerous to the safety of this state, and the same persons to confine during such invasion, to such places as the governor and the council shall think proper, or to limit such persons to particular districts in this state, or in their discretion to discharge such persons on security; and that during any invasion of this state by the enemy, the habeas corpus act shall be suspended, as to all such persons arrested by the order of the governor and council.

See the seventh article of the bill of rights, and the habeas corpus act of 1809, ch. 125.

SEC. 13, 14. Repealed by 1789, ch. 11.

SEC. 15. Inoperative under the constitution and election laws of the state.

SEC. 16. In violation of the constitution of the United States, subsequently adopted.

SEC. 17. Refers to those who had then deserted.