

SEC. 2. Has ceased to operate since the adoption of the general government, and the transfer of power to it to regulate commerce.

Nor suffer
slaves to
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their ves-
sels, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it likewise enacted*, That no master of a vessel coming into this province, and entering to trade therein, shall suffer any slave or slaves, servant or servants, to frequent his or their vessel or vessels, or come on board or conceal such servant or servants, or slave or slaves, on board such his or their ship or vessel, or ships or other vessels; and in case any servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be kept or concealed on board any ship or ships, vessel or vessels, coming into and trading within this province, for the space of one hour or longer, the master or commander of such ship or vessel shall forfeit and pay at the rate of twenty shillings current money, for every hour each servant or slave shall be suffered to frequent his or their vessel, or be kept or concealed on board his or their vessel, to the party owning such servant or slave, or servants or slaves, the same to be recovered in a summary way, before one justice of the peace, with costs.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *Provided always*, That it shall and may be lawful for any master or commander of any ship or vessel coming into or trading within this province, to hire any servant or slave, servants or slaves, from any inhabitant within this province, to work on board such his or their ship and vessel, or ships and vessels, any thing in this act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. See preceding note.

Made perpetual by 1763, ch. 10.

CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT to prevent persons from secreting Boats, Flats and other Vessels, drove by stress of weather or otherwise, from landings or moorings.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it often happens that flats, boats and other vessels, are by stress of weather, or by ice, drove from landings, moorings and harbours, into the bay, and from one river to another, and are taken up by persons who secrete such boats or vessels; to the intent therefore that the proper owners may not be deprived of their property,

Notice to
be given,
&c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the right honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the advice and consent of his lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the authority of the same*, That from and after the last day of March next, where any person or persons shall discover, take up and secure, any flat, boat or other vessel, drove from any place of mooring, landing, harbour or river, or from any other vessel, such person or persons shall and they are hereby obliged, in ten days after such discovery, taking up, and securing as aforesaid, to give notice thereof to some justice of the peace for