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LXXXIX.
One shilling
per tun to be
paid, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted,** That upon every register granted as aforesaid, a duty of one shilling current money per tun shall be paid by the master or owner thereof to the naval officer granting the same, and by the said naval officer paid into the public treasury.

How tunnage
is to be ascer-
tained, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the tunnage of all ships and other vessels shall be ascertained in the following manner, viz. For a double deck vessel, take the length of the keel of every such vessel, (streight rabbit) and the breadth, to be taken within board by the midship beam from plank to plank, and half that breadth shall be accounted the depth of every such vessel, then multiply the length by the breadth, and the product thereof by the depth, and divide the whole by ninety-five, and the quotient shall give the true contents of the tunnage for which such vessel shall pay duty; and for a single deck vessel, take the length of keel as aforesaid, the breadth of beam, and depth of hold, and multiply and divide as aforesaid.

Former re-
gisters to be
cancelled, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That all registers heretofore granted in this state, shall be delivered up to some one of the naval officers of this state and cancelled, and renewed agreeably to this act, without subjecting any ship or vessel to pay any duty for tunnage, or any other charges, except one half the customary fees to the naval officer, for renewing, recording, and transmitting the same.

Vessels lading
without a re-
gister forfeit-
ed, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That if any ship or vessel, one sixth part whereof is the property of any citizen of this state, shall lade or take on board any goods, wares or merchandise, or any article the produce of this or any of the United States, or any of them, for exportation out of this state, without first obtaining a register and a permit from some naval officer, such ship or vessel, together with all her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any naval officer, or his deputy, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the naval officer, and the other half to the use of the state; and the master or commander of such ship or vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money.

Goods not to
be put on
board without
a permit, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That no goods, wares or merchandise, nor any article the produce of this or any of the United States, shall be laden or put on board any ship or vessel, without a permit from a naval officer, or deputy, upon pain of forfeiture, and that no ship or vessel shall depart from any port or place within this state, to any port or place out of this state, unless with a clearance, signed and sealed by a naval officer, under penalty of being forfeited, seized and condemned, as aforesaid; and when any master or commander of any ship or vessel shall apply for a clearance, he shall deliver to the naval officer two fair manifests, containing the marks, numbers and contents, of all hogheads, pipes, tierces, casks, trunks, bales, boxes, trusses, packages, and other things, containing any goods, wares or merchandise, and a full account of all articles of the produce of this state, or of any of the United States, that is on board, or intended to be taken or laden on board such ship or vessel, and shall subscribe and prove the same by oath or affirmation, in the following manner, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that the above is a just and true manifest of all the cargo on board, or that is meant or intended to be taken or put on board, the ship or vessel called ——— whereof I am master and have the charge and command for her intended voyage to ——— and that I will use the utmost of my endeavours to prevent the said ship or vessel and cargo from falling into the hands of pirates, or of any subject of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them;" one of which said manifests shall be transmitted to the governor and council, and the other remain in the naval office; and the said master or commander shall enter into bond, with sufficient penalty and security, conditioned, that he will not trade with any pirate, or the subjects of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them, but according to his best skill and knowledge conduct the said ship or vessel to her destined port; and thereupon the naval officer shall grant a clearance for such vessel under his hand and seal; and if any goods, wares or merchandise, or any article