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Be it enacts by the Governor and Assembly of the Province of Maryland that if any Master of Ships or Vessels or Other persons whatsoever that shall Transport or Convey away any person or persons out of this Province without Papers made at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Twenty eighth day of April in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith & Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and fifteen was by the Kings most Excellent Majesty by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesties Governor Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same Amongst Other things therin contained and enacted, enacted that from and after the Publication of that Act Any person or persons whatsoever intending to Depart this province shall first give notice of his her or their intended Departure by setting up his her or their Name or Names at the Secretarys Office of this Province and also at the Door of the Court house of the County where such person or persons reside at the time of Setting up such Name as of the full Space of three Months that is to say the time of no person Shall underwrite the said Person or Persons so setting up his her or their Respective Name or Names aforesaid Shall be then lawful for the Governor keeper of the Great Seal or Secretary of this Province for the time being upon Certificate thereof from the Clerk of the Provincial Court and the Clerk of such County where such Name shall be set up aforesaid to sign apos or posse to any such person or persons to Depart this Province for which the party shall pay to the Secretary for signing the same the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and to the Clerk of the Provincial and County Court Two pence each And if any person or persons upon any sudden or urgent Occasion are Negotiated to depart this Province not having set up his her or their Names at the Secretarys Office and County Courthouse Door aforesaid then such person or persons giving good and sufficient Security to the Governor keeper of the Great Seal or Secretary to discharge and pay all Debts dues and Demands whatsoever due Owing or Demandable from the said person to any of the Inhabitants of this Province then the said person or persons may have apos containing a Certificate of such Security given for which shall bear the same fee aforesaid and further by the same Act of Amongst other things is enacted that any Master of Ships or Vessels or Other persons whatsoever that shall Transport or Convey out of this province by Land or Water any person being indebted by Bill bond or Account or Otherwise to any inhabitant thereof without such person or persons under the hand of the Governors Chancellor or Secretary aforesaid Shall be liable to satisfy all such Debts apos or posse under the hand of the Governors Chancellor or Secretary aforesaid Shall be liable to satisfy all such Debts Engagements and Damages to the person or persons to whom such Debts or Damages respectively shall be due within this Province except the same be otherwise satisfied or that the transporter or Conveyer away of such person or persons procure such person or persons to return again within One Month after whereby he may be liable to Justice here And Whereas after the Publication of the aforesaid Act of Assembly to wit on the Twenty fourth day of November which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred fifty and six at Maryland to wit at Somerset County aforesaid Captain James Wallace (the said James then and there Negotiating and Commerce using according to the use and custom of Merchants from time whereof the Memory of Man is not contrary in such Causa and Approved did make his certain first Bill of Exchange in Writing bearing Date the same Day and Year and the same Bill of Exchange with his proper Name and hand then and there did subscribe and that Bill unto a Captain M. Robert Wallace of Dunleath Writer in Dublin (then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using at Dublin to wit at Somerset County aforesaid) did direct and by the same Bill of Exchange did require the same Robert Wallace at Sixty days sight of that his first Bill of Exchange his second and third of the same term and date not paid to pay unto the aforesaid William Geddes (the said William Geddes then and yet Negotiating and Commerce using to wit at Somerset County aforesaid) or to the sum of forty pounds Sterling for value of him Received and place the same to the Account of the said James Wallace and afterwards to wit the tenth day of May which was in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred fifty and seven at Dublin to wit at Somerset County aforesaid the aforesaid first Bill of Exchange unto the aforesaid Robert Wallace was sheer and the same Robert Wallace then and there was required to accept the said first Bill of Exchange according to the use and custom of Merchants from all the time aforesaid and Approved to make payment of the aforesaid pounds unto the aforesaid William Geddes according to the form and Effect of the said Bill (the aforesaid Robert Wallace before that time there having Sixty days sight of the aforesaid first Bill of Exchange and the said second and third Bill of Exchange of the same term and date as either of them then or yet not being Accepted or paid) but the same Robert Wallace the aforesaid first Bill of Exchange then and there to Accept did refuse and the aforesaid forty pounds Sterling in the said first Bill of Exchange specified unto the aforesaid William Geddes According to the form and Effect of the same first Bill of Exchange hath not paid by Reason whereof the said first Bill of Exchange then and there According to the use and custom of Merchant in that part in All the time aforesaid and Approved in Due form in Writing was protested for Want of Acceptance of the same first Bill of Exchange and payment of the aforesaid forty pounds Sterling in the aforesaid first Bill of Exchange Specified