

knowing him to belong to such service, such person, convicted thereof as aforesaid, shall thereupon be deemed as entered in the service of the state for three years as a seaman, waterman or marine, and receive wages as such; and the governor and council are hereby empowered to direct a search to be made of all ships or vessels on board of which they have cause to suspect such persons, enlisted as aforesaid, are entered, harboured or concealed, and to arrest and detain such ship or vessel till such search is made.

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VIII. AND, for the encouragement of the officers and soldiers of the said barges and galley, or other vessel of force, BE IT ENACTED, That two thirds of any prizes or booty taken by them from the enemy shall be divided among the captors, in such proportion as regulated in like cases by congress.

Prizes to be divided, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said ship, or galley and barges, when fitted out and prepared for a cruise, shall be subject to the direction of the governor, to be by him employed in such manner as he shall think will best answer the intention of this general assembly.

Subject to direction of governor, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any officer of the said ship, or galley or barges, shall refuse indirectly the directions and commands aforesaid of the governor and council, he shall not only forfeit his commission, but also all his wages and prize money, and shall be subject to such other punishment as a court-martial may adjudge the offence to deserve.

Officers, &c. refusing to forfeit, &c.

XI. AND, whereas it may so happen, that before the ship or galley aforesaid can be equipped, it may be necessary for the governor and council to employ some vessel as a provision or store vessel to attend the barges. BE IT ENACTED, That the officers and men of such vessel shall be subject to and governed by all the regulations aforesaid, in like manner with the officers and men of the ship, or galley and barges.

Subject to regulations, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on all vessels, at entrance or clearance from or to foreign parts, there shall be paid, by the master or owner thereof, the duty of one shilling per tun, to the several naval-officers of this state, established or to be established, for the entrance and clearance of such vessels; and for every gallon of Madeira wine nine-pence, and other wine six-pence; and for every gallon of rum, brandy, and other distilled spirits, which shall be imported or brought into this state, either by land or water, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty or custom of four-pence shall be paid by the owner or importer of the same; on registers for vessels, per tun one shilling; and for every hundred pounds of loaf sugar which shall be imported or brought into this state as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty or custom of five shillings; and for every hundred pounds of coffee which shall be imported or brought into this state as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty of six shillings; and for all other goods or merchandise, except arms, ammunition, cloathing and other articles, imported on account of the United States, or any of them, and wool cards, cotton cards, and wire for making them, salt and brown sugar, which shall be imported or brought into this state as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty of one per centum ad valorem on the amount per invoice of such goods and merchandise; all which said duties shall be paid by the owner or importer of any of the articles or merchandise above mentioned.

Duty on vessels, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the master or purser of every ship or other vessel, importing any goods, wares or merchandise, liable to a duty by virtue of this act, to any port or place within this state, shall, within forty-eight hours after his arrival, make a true and just report, on oath, with the naval-officer of the said port or place, of the burthen, contents and lading, of such ship or vessel, with the particular marks and numbers of every cask or package whatsoever therein laden, with spirits, wine, loaf sugar, coffee and other merchandise, liable to pay duty in virtue of this act, and the quantity of such spirits, wine, loaf sugar and coffee, and the value of such other merchandise, and to whom consigned, to the best of his knowledge, and also where and in what port the same were laden and taken on board, upon penalty of forfeiting one hundred pounds current money.

Masters, &c. to make report, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no spirits, wine, loaf sugar, coffee, or other merchandise, liable to the said duties, imported or brought into this state by water, by any person or persons whatsoever, shall be landed or put on shore, until due entry made thereof with the naval-officer in such port or place, and a true account of the marks and numbers of every cask and package as aforesaid, at the port or place where the same was shipped or taken on board, given on oath before the said naval-officer, who shall certify the same upon the back of the original invoice, or a true copy thereof

Merchandise not to be landed, &c.