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to take him in, and the same may be done without endangering the vessel, such master shall pay such pilot the sum of one hundred pounds current money, over and above the wages aforesaid.

Pilots to aid vessels in distress, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any licensed pilot refusing, on due notice being given to him, to aid any vessel in distress within six leagues to the southward of Cape Henry, or the same distance to the eastward of Cape Charles, or in Chesapeake bay, every such pilot, so refusing to aid any vessel in distress as above required, on proof thereof before the said board, shall be rendered incapable of serving as a pilot.

To be allowed for detention.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when any master of a vessel shall give notice to the pilot he shall employ of the time and place such master shall appoint for his attendance, and such pilot shall attend accordingly, he may demand and take the sum of ten shillings current money for every day he shall be detained by such master's not being ready to proceed according to his notice; and if any pilot shall attend on request of any master with his boat and hands, he may demand and take twenty shillings for every day his boat and hands shall be detained by such master's not being ready to proceed according to his notice.

To take an apprentice, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every pilot shall, within three months after he obtains his warrant as aforesaid, take one white apprentice at the least, and employ him constantly on board his boat, instructing him in the art of piloting; and such apprentice shall have freedom dues, and the usual allowance to apprentices, at the expiration of his time, and he shall be exempt from militia duty during the time of his apprenticeship.

Not to pilot vessels from sea to Virginia, &c.

XX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person, licensed in virtue of this act, shall undertake to conduct or pilot any vessel from sea, and bound to any port in the state of Virginia, unless such vessel is below the Horse-shoe, and no pilot appointed by law of that state shall be below the Horse-shoe, and shall offer to pilot such vessel, and in such case the pilot from this state shall deliver up such vessel to the Virginia pilot, and shall demand no reward, and it is expected that the legislature of Virginia will make a similar regulation as to vessels from sea, and bound to some port in this state.

Contracts to be void, &c.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all contracts made between the master of any vessel in distress and any pilot, shall be void, but the pilot shall be entitled to a reasonable reward for his aid and services rendered.

How vacancies are to be filled.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the said board of examiners shall die, resign, refuse, remove from the said town, or be otherwise rendered incapable to act, the governor may appoint some fit and proper person, out of three persons to be recommended to him by the said board, to fill up such vacancy.

Commencement, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall commence on the first day of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and shall continue in force three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly thereafter; and the state printer shall furnish the board of examiners with one hundred copies of this act, and the said board shall deliver one copy, signed by four of the said board, to each pilot, on his obtaining licence as a pilot.

By 1790, ch. 27, section 6, it is declared, that this act, and the supplement thereto, shall be and remain in force until congress shall take cognizance of the same; and by an act of the first session of the first congress; ch. 9, it is declared, that all pilots shall continue to be regulated in conformity with the laws of the states respectively until further legislative provisions shall be made by congress.

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Passed 17th of Dec. 1787.

An ACT for the relief of the representatives and securities of Adam Fisher, late collector of Frederick county. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 364.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly that there is due from the said Adam Fisher, on his collection for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, to the public, including interest, seven thousand six hundred and ninety pounds three shillings, besides a small balance on the county assessment, and *feri facias* hath been issued in the life-time of the said Adam Fisher against him and his securities, John Ransburgh, Nicholas Hower and Thomas Ogle, on his bond as collector of the said public assessment, by virtue of which writ the lands and other property of the said principal and securities were taken in execution and remained unsold, and farther process issued;