

PILOTS.

— Directions respecting vessels not belonging to citizens. 1790, ch. 27.

Pilots and their apprentices to be exempt from militia duty. November, 1787, ch. 26, § 10, 19.

Pilots standing out to sea shall offer their services to the vessel nearest the land or in most distress, under the penalty of £. 20. *Ibid.* § 11.

— Pilots, (not hindered by sickness, &c.) refusing to go on board any vessel when required, shall forfeit £. 50. *Ibid.*

— In either case they may be suspended by the board. *Ibid.*

Pilots, on offering their service, shall produce and shew to masters of vessels their warrant of appointment and licence, under the penalty of £. 5. *Ibid.*

Pilots convicted of losing, negligently or carelessly, any vessel under their care, shall be incapable of acting as pilots, and be liable to an action for damages. *Ibid.* § 12.

Pilots running a vessel on shore shall be entitled to no pilotage. *Ibid.*

— If by negligence, they shall be liable to an action for damages. *Ibid.*

The rates of pilotage established. *Ibid.* § 13, 1790, ch. 27, § 4.

Additional allowance to be made for touching at Hampton Roads or at Annapolis for any other cause than distress of weather. November, 1787, ch. 26, § 14.

Pilots obliged, when they receive their pilotage, to produce a copy of this act to the master. *Ibid.* § 15.

— Penalty on neglect or refusal. *Ibid.*

Wages, &c. to be paid to pilots who may be carried to sea against their inclination. *Ibid.* § 16.

Pilots refusing on notice to aid any vessel in distress within six leagues to the southward of Cape Henry, or to the eastward of Cape Charles, or in Chesapeake bay, on proof thereof before the board, shall be rendered incapable of serving. *Ibid.* § 17.

Allowance to be made to pilots for detention by masters not being ready to proceed according to their notice. *Ibid.* § 18.

Every pilot shall, within three months after obtaining his warrant, take at least one white apprentice, and instruct him in the art of piloting. *Ibid.* § 19.

— Such apprentice to have freedom dues, and the usual allowance, at the expiration of his time, and to be exempt from militia duty. *Ibid.*

Regulations respecting the piloting of vessels bound to Virginia. *Ibid.* § 20.

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, &c. *Ibid.* § 21.

Directions for filling vacancies in the board. *Ibid.* § 22.

— For providing the board with copies of this act, to be delivered to the pilots. *Ibid.* § 23.

A board appointed at George-town, on Patowmack, for the same purpose, and with the same powers, (within the limits therein mentioned,) as are expressed in the above act. 1790, ch. 27.

Penalty on pilots conducting vessels contrary to the directions of the act to appoint a health officer for the port of Baltimore. 1793, ch. 56, § 5.

PLANTATION UTENSILS.

Plantation utensils not to be valued or chargeable with the public assessment. 1797, ch. 89, § 1.

Utensils shall be assets in the hands of an executor or administrator. 1798, No. 101, ch. 7.

PLATE.

To be valued by the assessors and collectors at 8/4 per ounce. 1797, ch. 89, § 1.

The orphans court empowered to order the sale of plate, &c. belonging to wards. 1798, No. 101, ch. 12, § 12.

PLEAS AND PLEADING.

Acts under which the party may plead the general issue, and give such acts and the special matter in evidence. 1719, ch. 2; 1720, ch. 24, 1723, ch. 16, 1768, ch. 4, ch. 29, February, 1777, ch. 15, October, 1778, ch. 21, 1791, ch. 8, ch. 24, ch. 27, ch. 49, 1793, ch. 5, ch. 9, ch. 53, 1794, ch. 32, 1796, ch. 18, 1797, ch. 11, ch. 89, 1798, ch. 51, ch. 52, ch. 63, 1799, ch. 33.

No plea, except the general issue, shall be allowed in suits by the state, unless verified by the affidavit of the party or otherwise, and no demurrer shall be allowed to any declaration by the state for want of form. March, 1778, ch. 9, § 4.

On the return of an execution on a forfeited recognizance the party may plead any plea which would have been good on a *scire facias*. April, 1782, ch. 42, § 2.

The plea of *non est factum* not to be received in suits on any administration, testamentary or sheriff's bond, unless verified by affidavit of the party. October, 1778, ch. 20, § 5.

Defendants empowered to plead discount to the claims of plaintiffs. 1785, ch. 46, § 7.

On the appearance of the administrator, &c. to actions that would have abated by the death of either party, the court may suffer pleas by the deceased to be withdrawn, and other pleas to be put in, and may suffer proceedings by either party to be corrected or altered, and direct proceedings so as to bring the merits fairly to trial. *Ibid.* ch. 80, § 1.

The plea of *non est factum* shall not be received unless verified by affidavit or affirmation, or unless the defendant, being heir, executor or administrator, obtain leave from the court, on shewing just cause, to put in such plea. *Ibid.* § 3.

On the neglect of British merchants, their factors or agents, to lodge with the auditor a list upon oath of all balances due to such merchants in the manner therein prescribed, the debtor empowered to plead the non-compliance with this act. 1786, ch. 49, § 2.

The attorney-general directed to plead to suits brought against the state. *Ibid.* ch. 53.

To every attachment issued under the supplement to the act directing the manner of suing out attachments, &c. the garnishee may plead on behalf of the defendant such plea or pleas as the said defendant might or could do if he had been taken by the sheriff under the writ of *capias ad respondendum*, and had appeared to the same. 1795, ch. 56, § 4.

Executors or administrators need not plead *hene administravit*, or any thing relative to the assets. 1798, No. 101, ch. 8, § 7.

In the suits therein mentioned against executors or administrators, they may plead this act in bar, together with the general issue, or other plea proper to bring the merits of the case to trial. *Ibid.* § 18.

It shall not be considered as the duty of an executor or administrator to avail himself of the act of limitation to bar what he supposes to be a just claim, but the same shall be left to his honesty and discretion. *Ibid.* ch. 9, § 9.

PLENARY PROCEEDING.

The orphans court empowered to direct a plenary proceeding, by bill or petition. 1798, No. 101, ch. 15, § 16.

— Manner of proceeding and of appeal from any judgment, &c. thereon. *Ibid.* § 17, 18.

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