

board my Ship or Vessel, during my stay within this Province, any Servant, or Slave, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants thereof, nor will willingly or willingly carry away, out of this Province, any Servant or Slave, or Servants or Slaves, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants therein, or any Person or Persons indebted therein, common Sailors excepted, contrary to the Laws of this Province. So help me God.

III. *AND* be it likewise Enacted, That no Master of a Vessel coming into this Province, and entering to trade therein, shall suffer any Slave or Slaves, Servant or Servants, to frequent his or their Vessel or Vessels, or come on board or conceal such Servant or Servants, or Slave or Slaves, on board such his or their Ship or Vessel, or Ships or other Vessels; and in Case any Servant or Servants, Slave or Slaves, shall be kept or concealed on board any Ship or Ships, Vessel or Vessels, coming into, and trading within this Province, for the Space of One Hour or longer, the Master or Commander of such Ship or Vessel, shall forfeit and pay at the rate of Twenty Shillings Current Money, for every Hour each Servant or Slave shall be suffered to frequent his or their Vessel, or be kept or concealed on board his or their Vessel, to the Party owning such Servant or Slave, or Servants or Slaves, the same to be recovered, in a summary Way before One Justice of the Peace, with Costs.

Slaves, &c. not to be suffer'd on board Vessels;

IV. *PROVIDED* always, That it shall and may be lawful for any Master, or Commander, of any Ship or Vessel coming into, or trading within, this Province, to hire any Servant or Slave, Servants or Slaves, from any Inhabitant within this Province, to work on board such his or their Ship and Vessel, or Ships and Vessels; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Except on hire.

V. *THIS* Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

Continuance.

An Act to prevent Persons from secreting Boats, Flats, and other Vessels, drove by Strefs of Weather or otherwise, from Landings or Moorings.

I. **W**HEREAS it often happens that Flats, Boats, and other Vessels, are by Strefs of Weather, or by Ice, drove from Landings, Moorings, and Harbours, into the Bay, and from one River to another, and are taken up by Persons who secrete such Boats or Vessels: To the Intent therefore that the proper Owners may not be deprived of their Property;

Preamble.

II. *BE* it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the last Day of March next, where any Person or Persons shall discover, take up and secure any Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, drove from any Place of Mooring, Landing, Harbour, or River, or from any other Vessel, such Person or Persons shall, and they are hereby obliged, in Ten Days after such discovery, taking up, and securing as aforesaid, to give Notice thereof to some Justice of the Peace, for the County where such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, is taken up and secured as aforesaid, which said Justice of the Peace shall, and he is hereby required to deliver, to the Party giving such Notice, an Advertisement, describing in the best Manner, the Built and Marks of such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, and the Name of such Person, and Place of his Abode; Copies of which Advertisement the said Party shall, within

Boats, &c. taken up, to be described and advertised in the Maryland Gazette.