

XXXI. And, To prevent this state from becoming an asylum for the disaffected fugitives from other states,

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XXXII. Be it enacted, That the governor and council, or any magistrate of the county, on their or his own knowledge, or on information, that any male person above the age of eighteen years, belonging to any of the United States, has taken shelter in this state, shall immediately cause such person to be apprehended and examined, and if such person cannot, upon such examination, produce a certificate of his having taken the oath or affirmation prescribed by his state, or if such person has not taken the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) which has been prescribed by this state, and refuses to take the said oath or affirmation, and shall also refuse to take the following oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, viz: "I, A. B. do swear, or solemnly affirm (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) that I do not hold myself bound to yield any allegiance or obedience to the king of Great-Britain, his heirs, or successors; and that I will be true and faithful to the United States of America, and will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend the freedom and independence thereof," the governor and council, or the said magistrate, may commit such person to the public gaol, or the governor and council may remand such person back to his own state, and in such manner as they may judge the most expedient; and if such person hath property in this state, he shall be subject to the treble tax aforesaid, in manner and form prescribed as aforesaid, and such person shall also be subject to all the disabilities imposed by this act; and upon every commitment of such person by any magistrate as aforesaid, the said magistrate shall immediately give notice thereof to the said governor and council.

Persons belonging to other states, and taking shelter in this, to be apprehended, &c.

XXXIII. It being represented to this general assembly, That many persons who gave bonds to the presidents of the late conventions, councils of safety, and to the committees of observation, for their good behaviour and fidelity to this state, have been guilty of breaches,

XXXIV. Be it enacted, That all bonds, taken in the name of any president of convention, council of safety, or in the name or names of any other person or persons, for the use of this state, be transmitted as soon as possible to the clerk of the county where the principal and the security reside, or if the principal has departed this state, to the clerk of the county where the security may reside, and thereupon *scire facias* shall immediately issue in the name of this state against the obligors in the bonds, alleging a breach of every part of the condition, and requiring the defendants to shew cause why judgment and execution should not be had for the penalty, and the defendant appearing shall plead the general issue of performance, and trial shall be had the first court, unless for special reasons the court shall grant one imparlance, and if two *nibils* shall be returned, judgment of execution shall be rendered.

Bonds taken in the name of any president of convention, &c. to be transmitted to the clerk, &c.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall go on board any vessel of war or transport belonging to the enemy, or to their camp, or to any city, town, port, or place, within any of the United States, in their possession, without permission in writing from the governor and the council of this state, and if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall receive any protection for himself or property

Fine on persons going on board the enemy's vessels, &c.