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treble the value of the goods bought, and also by imprisonment, without bail or mainprize, at the discretion of the court where tried, not exceeding twelve months. And if such goods, wares, or merchandize, be wholly imported by any person or persons who are non-residents, the vessel wherein the same were imported shall not be cleared out at the naval office, before the price be there registered, and lists on oath, or (if a menonist, quaker, or dunker) affirmation, signed by such importer or importers, lodged as aforesaid, and the purchaser or purchasers from such importer shall, and he is hereby required, under the penalty of being deemed an engrosser, and being punished as such in manner aforesaid, to register the price, by lodging a list on oath or affirmation, as aforesaid, signed and countersigned as aforesaid, of the goods, wares, or merchandizes, so purchased, in the county court office of his county, all which lists shall be filed by the county clerks or naval officer respectively, and kept safe for the inspection of such as may apply for a sight or copy thereof; and such list or lists, or an attested copy thereof, shall be evidence on a prosecution or suit against the retailer.

IX. And, Whereas the venders of goods in this state may still have on their hands goods, wares, and merchandize, by them, heretofore purchased, under pretext and colour of which they may abuse the good people of this state, by demanding and receiving extravagant and enormous prices for goods hereafter to be purchased: For prevention whereof,

Venders of goods, not importers, to make out an invoice, &c.

X. Be it enacted, That all and every vender and venders of goods in this state, not being an importer or manufacturer, shall, and they are hereby required and directed forthwith to make out, on oath or affirmation as aforesaid, a list or invoice of all goods, wares, or merchandizes, in his or their hands, custody, and possession, together with the price or prices that he or they gave for the same; which said list or invoice shall be set up as aforesaid in the most public place of the shop or store where the same shall be exposed to sale, there to be subject to the inspection and examination of every purchaser; which said goods, wares, and merchandizes, the said retailer is hereby directed and required to sell at the rates herein before respectively limited and required, under the penalty aforesaid; and if any person, after the end of this session of assembly, shall presume to sell or expose to sale any goods, wares, or merchandizes, that he may before that time have purchased, without complying with the directions of this act, such person shall be deemed and taken to be an engrosser, and be liable to be punished as such.

Persons not to purchase condemned goods from the original purchaser, to sell again, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That no person shall purchase any goods, wares, or merchandize, condemned in the court of admiralty, from the original purchaser thereof, to sell, barter, or exchange again, and the original purchaser shall sell the same, reserving sufficient for the use of himself and his family for one year, for ready money, if required, at not more than the rate of thirty per cent. profit on the purchase money, and the charges of transportation or carriage to the place where exposed to sale, except the articles of salt and brown sugar, which shall be sold at not more than thirty-five per centum profit on the purchase money, with the charges aforesaid; provided, that if the

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