

owners of any prize become purchasers, they shall be construed as importers, and at liberty to sell by wholesale or retail.

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VIII.

XII. And be it enacted, That if such purchaser of condemned goods shall refuse to sell at the price above limited, for ready money, if required, he shall forfeit and pay five pounds for each refusal.

Penalty on persons refusing to sell at the price limited.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no goods, wares, or merchandize, shall be exposed to sale by public vendue (except household furniture, goods condemned in the court of admiralty, or sold under contract for that purpose heretofore made, or by distress for rent, or by process out of the courts of law or equity, or the goods of any deceased person by the executor or administrator of such deceased person) under penalty of one hundred pounds on the person selling at such vendue.

Goods, &c. not to be sold at vendue.

XIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the owners of any ship or other vessel to sell such ship or vessel at public sale, and for any person removing out of this state, or from one county to another, having personal property, to expose the same to sale by public vendue, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proviso.

XV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, to carry or transport, or attempt to carry or transport, out of this state, either by land or water, any woollen clothes, imported into or manufactured therein, proper for officers and soldiers cloathing, or any linen proper for shirts for such officers and soldiers, or any hats, blankets, shoes, stockings, wool, flax, leather, or any salt, exceeding three bushels in quantity, for the use of any one family, without the order or licence of the governor and council first had and obtained, under penalty of seizure and confiscation, one half of the goods and merchandize so seized to be for the use of the person or persons seizing the same, the other half to the use of this state, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons not to transport clothes, &c. fit for soldiers cloathing, &c.

XVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken, to prohibit the exporting or carrying out of this state, any goods, wares, or merchandizes, the property of the United States, or any of them, or of any person not being an inhabitant of this state, or of any inhabitant of this state, to any lands or plantations belonging to such inhabitant, so that such goods, wares, and merchandize, be used on the said lands or plantations.

Proviso.

XVII. And, Whereas the scantiness of crops of wheat and other grain, in the states of New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, and the wicked arts of speculators, forestallers, and engrossers, who infest every part of the country, and are industriously purchasing up grain and flour at the most exorbitant prices, render it impracticable to obtain timely and sufficient supplies for the operations of the army and navy, unless the most vigorous measures are without delay adopted :