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superintend and manage the trade of this state, and to fit out and equip the vessels of war belonging to this state, and to transact all other business relating to the care and management of the said vessels.

They may punish persons guilty of misbehaviour before them, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That the governor and council, at all times during their sitting, shall have full power to punish, by fine and imprisonment, any person within this state, who shall be guilty of any misbehaviour before them, or contempt of their lawful commands, or authority. Provided that such fine shall not exceed three hundred pounds common money, and that such imprisonment shall not exceed two months; and all such fines shall be deposited in the treasury for the use of the public.

May make regulations relative to impressing waggons, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall be and are hereby empowered and requested to make such regulations in each county, as may be by them thought reasonable, relative to impressing carriages, teams, and drivers, so that one part of the county may not be unequally burthened; and during the continuance of this act, the governor and council, in case of an invasion of this state, or any of the adjoining states, shall have full power and authority to direct carriages, horses, and drivers, or boats and hands, or other vessels, to be impressed, to go out of this state, if necessary, and for a longer time than by the laws of this state is heretofore limited, not exceeding one calendar month.

And appoint a waggon master, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall and may appoint a fit and proper person for waggon master, with such pay as the governor and council shall think reasonable, which waggon master shall in all things obey the orders and directions of the governor and council; and the governor and council shall have full power and authority to entrust such waggon master with such sums of money, for payment of waggon hire, as the governor and council in their discretion shall think proper.

Waggon master to give bond, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the said waggon master shall give bond, with good security, before some justice of the peace of the county where he resides, in the penalty of five thousand pounds, with condition for the faithful performance of his trust, and rendering a full and just account of the money lodged in his hands, and shall also take the oath of fidelity to this state, and an oath diligently and impartially to execute the duty of waggon master according to the best of his skill and knowledge, the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and to be lodged by the justice who may take the same with the clerk of the county, and be recorded amongst the county records, and an attested copy from the record shall be good evidence.

New galley to be fitted out &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the new galley now in the harbour be fitted out with all expedition, under the care and direction of the commodore, and that she be called the Annapolis; and that a bounty of forty dollars be given to every able bodied seaman that will enter into the service of this state, and a bounty of thirty dollars to every able bodied marine that will enter into said service, besides proper cloathing for each, until a sufficient number be enrolled for the manning such gallies and armed boats as the governor and the council may think