

VII. This act to continue until the first day of November next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter. C H A P.  
XVIII, XIX.  
Continuance.

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An ACT to prevent distilling grain into spirit.

**W**HEREAS the enormous quantity of grain which is distilled throughout this state tends to encrease the price thereof, to the great oppression of the poor, and occasions a difficulty in procuring the necessary supplies for the armies of the United States: For remedy whereof, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the commencement of this act, no whiskey, or other spirit whatsoever, shall be made, extracted, or distilled, within this state, from any wheat, rye, barley, malt, or other grain, or from any meal or flour, before the first day of July next. No spirit to be  
distilled from  
grain, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if, during the time before limited, any distiller or maker of whiskey or other spirits, or any other person or persons whatsoever, shall make, extract, or distil, or cause or procure to be made, extracted, or distilled, any whiskey or other spirits, from any wheat, rye, barley, or other grain, or from any meal or flour, or shall use or mix, or cause or procure to be used or mixed, any wheat, rye, barley, or other grain, or any meal or flour, in any worts or wash, in order for the making, extracting, or distilling, whiskey or other spirits, or shall put or lay, or cause or procure to be put or laid, in any tun, cask, copper, still, or other vessel or utensil, any wheat, rye, barley, or other grain, or any meal or flour, for the purpose of extracting or distilling whiskey or other spirits, that then, and in each and every of the said cases, upon conviction thereof in the county or general court, such distiller or maker of whiskey or other spirits, or other person or persons, acting contrary to the directions of this act, or the person or persons in whose custody or possession any such tun, cask, copper, still, or other vessel or utensil, made use of contrary to the intention of this act, be found, shall respectively, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds, and incur also a forfeiture of the value of all such wheat, rye, barley, or other grain, and all such flour and meal, whiskey and spirits, and of all such stills, vessels or other utensils, to be ascertained and assessed by the jury by whom the cause shall be tried. Penalty on  
persons distil-  
ling, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That each of the constables in the respective hundreds or districts in this state shall, and he is hereby enjoined and required, under the penalty of five pounds, (to be recovered before any justice of the peace, in the same manner as small debts are recoverable, and to be transmitted by the said justice to the treasurer of his shore for the use of the state) carefully and diligently to enquire into offences committed against this act, and having any knowledge of any such offence, he shall forthwith give information thereof to the next justice of the peace, who shall immediately issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff and other peace officers of the city or county where Constables to  
enquire into  
offences, &c.