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tion and oath or affirmation aforesaid, or his property, for the term of two years after his arrival in this state.

VII. AND, To encourage such foreigners tradesmen, artificers, and manufacturers, to come and settle in this state :

Nor on foreign tradesmen for four years.

VIII. Be it enacted, That no tax shall be imposed on any such foreigner, being a tradesman, artificer, or manufacturer, coming into this state, and taking and subscribing the declaration and oath or affirmation aforesaid, or his property, for the term of four years after his arrival in this state.

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An A C T to prohibit, for a limited time, the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual, may at this time be greatly prejudicial to the United States of America :

No person to export wheat, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no person or persons, at any time or times during the continuance of the present act, shall, directly or indirectly, export, transport, carry, convey, or cause or procure to be exported, transported, carried, or conveyed, out of this state, by land or water, or lade on board, or cause or procure to be laden on board, any ship, or other vessel, in order to be exported or carried out of this state, any wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, or other victual, under the penalties and forfeitures herein after mentioned, that is to say : That all the said commodities that shall be so exported, shipped, or laden on board, to be exported or carried out, contrary to this act, shall be forfeited, and that every owner or agent offending therein shall forfeit the sum of two shillings and six-pence for every bushel of wheat, rye, peas, beans, oats, or Indian corn, and the sum of one shilling for every pound weight of beef, pork, bacon, or other dead victual, and the sum of ten shillings for every hundred weight of flour, bread, or rice, and the sum of thirty shillings per head for all live stock, which shall be so exported, shipped, or put on board, to be exported ; and also the ship or other vessel, in or upon which any of the said commodities shall be exported, shipped, or laden, to be exported, and all her guns, tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited ; which said forfeitures shall be recovered in the court of admiralty, and the said penalties in the general or any county court of this state ; and that the masters or mariners of any such ship or other vessel, wherein any such offence shall be committed, knowing such offence, and wittingly and willingly aiding and assisting thereunto, and being thereof duly convicted in the general or county court, shall be imprisoned for the space of three months, without bail or mainprize, or may be fined, at the discretion of such court, any sum not exceeding three hundred pounds.

III. WHEREAS