

III. WHEREAS grain and other provisions, herein before prohibited to be exported, cannot be brought by water from Pocomoke river, or the sound thereof, to other parts of this state, without sailing on the waters of Chesapeake bay to the southward of the bounds of this state:

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IV. Be it enacted, That no grain or other provisions, laden on board any vessel in Pocomoke river, or the sound thereof, to be *bond fide* transported to other parts of this state, shall be liable to seizure or forfeiture, though found on the waters of Chesapeake bay below the bounds of this state, and not to the southward of a line drawn from the north point of the mouth of Pongoteague creek to the south point of the mouth of the river Patowmack; nor shall any vessel laden with such grain or other provisions, for the purpose of conveyance to other parts of this state, and not found below the line aforesaid, be liable to seizure or forfeiture, any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Grain, &c.  
laden on board  
in Pocomoke,  
&c. not liable  
to seizure.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for any person or persons, being a naval officer or naval officers, sheriff or sheriffs, or any other person or persons thereto authorized in this behalf by the governor and the council, to take or seize all such of the said commodities, not allowed to be exported by this act, as he or they shall happen to find, know, or discover, to be laden on board any ship or other vessel at sea, or in any port, or in any navigable river or water, to the intent or purpose to be exported, transported, or conveyed out of this state, contrary to the true intent of this act, and also the ship or other vessel in which the same shall be found, and to bring the goods, together with the ship or other vessel in which the same have been so found, to some safe and convenient place near which such seizure shall be made, in order to be proceeded against according to law.

Naval officers,  
&c. may seize  
commodities  
not allowed to  
be exported,  
&c.

VI. And be it enacted, That any ship or other vessel, having on board, contrary to this act, any of the above enumerated commodities, more than is necessary for her voyage, as herein directed, shall be liable, after she hath cleared out, or moved out of the harbour where such ship or vessel was laden, upon the master of such ship or vessel refusing to produce proper clearances, to be seized or taken by any ship or vessel belonging to this state, the United States, or either of them; and the captors shall be entitled, after condemnation, to receive the same share or proportion of the vessel and cargo, so seized and condemned, as if the same had been British property; and if seized or taken by any ship or vessel being private property, after she hath cleared out or moved out of the harbour, as aforesaid, the captors shall, after condemnation, be entitled to the whole of such vessel and cargo so seized and condemned.

Vessels liable  
to be seized,  
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That every naval officer seizing such vessel, and any other person or persons informing against any ship or vessel so laden or lading, as aforesaid, shall, on condemnation, be entitled to one fourth part of the value of such ship or vessel and cargo, the value to be ascertained by public sale.

Officers seiz-  
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titled to a  
fourth part,  
&c.

VIII. And