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VII.

Vessels be-  
longing to  
this state al-  
lowed provi-  
sions for the  
voyage, &c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That all vessels belonging to this state shall be allowed provisions sufficient for the mariners and passengers for their voyage, not only to the port of delivery, but also provisions sufficient to bring them back to the port from whence they sailed; and all vessels that do not belong to this state, shall be allowed provisions only to their port of delivery.

Master, &c.  
to deliver an  
account of  
provisions,  
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the master or other person clearing out any vessel from any of the ports within this state, shall deliver to the naval officer an account on oath of all provisions laden or to be laden on board such vessel for the voyage, a copy of which account the naval officer shall make out from under his hand, and annex to the clearance of the said vessel.

Proviso.

X. **Provided,** That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prohibit the governor and the council from giving licence for the transporting any of the commodities herein before mentioned, from this state to any port or place out of the same, on the requisition of congress, or a committee of congress, or the application of the minister plenipotentiary of his most christian majesty, or the agent of the marine of France for the United States. And the governor and council are hereby required to inform congress of such supplies, as the said governor and council shall suffer to be exported on the application of the said minister or agent.

Proviso.

XI. **And provided also,** That it shall be lawful for the governor and council to give permission to such persons as reside in the adjacent states, and have landed property within this state, and raise produce thereon, to draw such supplies from their said farms and plantations as they may want for the subsistence of themselves and families, such persons previously to such permission making oath, that such supplies are wanted for such purposes and not for sale.

Proviso.

XII. **Provided also,** That in case the governor and council shall at any time think a suspension of this act necessary or proper, the governor, with the advice of the council, is hereby authorized and empowered, by his proclamation, to permit and suffer the exportation generally out of this state of all or any of the said commodities, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Defendants  
may plead the  
general issue,  
&c.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That if any action or suit shall be commenced against any person or persons for any thing done in pursuance of this act, the defendant or defendants, in any such action or suit, may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, at any trial to be had thereupon, and that the same was done in pursuance and by the authority of this act; and if it shall appear so to have been done, the jury shall find for the defendant or defendants, and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his action after the defendant or defendants shall have appeared, or if judgment shall be given upon any verdict or demurrer against the plaintiff, the defendant or defendants shall and may recover treble costs, and have the like remedy for the same as any defendant or defendants hath or have in other cases by law.

XIV. **Provided**