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XVII.

county clerk as aforesaid, and a copy thereof attested by the said clerk shall be set up by the said retailer in the most public place of the shop or store where the same shall be exposed to sale, there to be subject to the inspection and examination of every person offering to buy the same, under the penalty of five thousand pounds. And if any such retailer shall refuse to sell any goods, wares, or merchandise, at the price above limited, for ready money if required, he shall forfeit and pay five pounds for each refusal. And if any importer shall refuse or neglect to sign such list as aforesaid, or any purchaser shall refuse or neglect to register the price, or lodge and keep for inspection the list or invoice as aforesaid, which they are hereby respectively enjoined and required to do, the offender shall, on conviction in the general or county court of his county, forfeit and pay treble the value of the goods bought, and also suffer imprisonment without bail or mainprize, at the discretion of the court where tried, not exceeding twelve months. And if such goods, wares, or merchandise, be wholly imported by any person or persons who are non-residents, the vessel wherein the same were imported shall not be cleared out at the naval office, before the price be there registered, and lists on oath, or (if a menonist, quaker, or dunker) affirmation, signed by such importer or importers, lodged as aforesaid; and the purchaser or purchasers from such importer shall, and he is hereby required, under the penalty of five thousand pounds, to register the price, by lodging a list on oath or affirmation, as aforesaid, signed and countersigned as aforesaid, of the goods, wares, and merchandises, so purchased, in the county court office of his county; all which lists shall be filed by the county clerks or naval officer respectively, and kept safe for the inspection of such as may apply for a sight or copy thereof; and such list or lists, or an attested copy thereof, shall be evidence on a prosecution or suit against the retailer.

VII. *And*, Whereas the venders of goods in this state, may still have on their hands goods, wares, and merchandise, by them heretofore purchased, under pretext and colour of which they may abuse the good people of this state, by demanding and receiving extravagant and enormous prices for goods hereafter to be purchased: For prevention whereof,

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VIII. *Be it enacted*, That all and every vender and venders of goods in this state, not being an importer or manufacturer, shall, and they are hereby required and directed, forthwith to make out, on oath or affirmation as aforesaid, a list or invoice of all goods, wares or merchandises in his or their hands, custody and possession, together with the price or prices, that he or they gave for the same; which said list or invoice shall be set up as aforesaid, in the most public place of the shop or store where the same shall be exposed to sale, there to be subject to the inspection and examination of every purchaser; which said goods, wares and merchandises, the said retailer is hereby directed and required to sell at the rates herein before respectively limited and required, under the penalty of one thousand pounds. And if any person after the end of this session of assembly, shall presume to sell or expose to sale, any goods, wares or merchandises, that he may before that time have purchased, without complying with the directions of this act, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five thousand pounds.

IX. *And*