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XVI.

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.

Vessels liable
to be seized,
&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.

Officers seiz-
ing vessels en-
titled to a
fourth part,
&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.

Vessels be-
longing to this
allowed pro-
visions 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 their board of war.

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,