

tary and other necessary stores as they may judge proper, and to make such exports of the produce of this or any of the United States, as may be sufficient for that purpose, and that they have full power to contract with any person or persons for the importation of such cloathing, stores, and other necessaries, and to license any person, so contracted with, to export, at the risque of this state, or the person so contracted with, any of the produce of this state, or any of the United States, or may in their discretion purchase and fit out, at the expence of this state, vessels for the purposes aforesaid.

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XVII.

XI. And be it enacted, That the governor and council are further authorized and requested to import, or cause to be imported, into this state, as much salt as can be, and to dispose of and distribute the same, in such proportions and on such moderate and reasonable terms or prices, as they may judge proper and convenient, and shall and may appoint a proper person to superintend and manage the trade of this state, and to fit out and equip the vessels of war belonging thereto, and to transact all other business relating to the care and management of the said vessels.

Governor and council to import salt, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That the governor and council, at all times during their sitting, shall have full power to punish, by fine and imprisonment, any person within this state, who shall be guilty of any misbehaviour before them, or contempt of their lawful commands, or authority; provided that such fine shall not exceed three hundred pounds common money, and that such imprisonment shall not exceed two months; and all such fines shall be deposited in the treasury, for the use of the public.

They may punish persons guilty of misbehaviour before them, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall be, and are hereby empowered and requested to make such regulations in each county, as may be by them thought reasonable, relative to impressing carriages, teams, and drivers, so that one part of the county may not be unequally burthened; and during the continuance of this act, the governor and council, on any emergency, in case of an invasion of this state, or any of the adjoining states; shall have full power and authority to direct carriages, horses, and drivers, or boats and hands, or other vessels, to be impressed to go out of this state, if necessary, and for a longer time than by the laws of this state is heretofore limited, not exceeding one calendar month.

May make regulations relative to impressing waggon, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall and may appoint a fit and proper person for waggon master, with such pay as they shall think reasonable, which waggon master shall in all things obey their orders and directions; and the governor and council shall have full power and authority to entrust such waggon master with such sums of money, for payment of waggon hire, as they in their discretion shall think proper.

And appoint a waggon master, &c.

XV. And be it enacted, That the said waggon master shall give bond, with good security, before some justice of the peace of the county where he resides, in the penalty of five thousand pounds, with condition for the faithful performance of his trust, and rendering a full and just account of the money lodged in his hands, and shall also

Waggon master to give bond, &c.