

C H A P.
XVII, XVIII.Wheat seized
in the stack to
be threshed
out, &c.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That where any wheat shall be seized in the stack or unthreshed, it shall and may be lawful for the public purchaser or purchasers, after the same is valued as above mentioned, to hire proper persons to thresh or tread the same out, and may allow a reasonable reward for such service, to be paid by him or them, and charged to the United States in the account he or they shall render of monies received.

Continuance.

XXIV. This act to continue and remain in force until the end of the next session of assembly.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS all endeavours to enhance the common price of merchandise or the necessaries of life, and all practices for that purpose, ought to be restrained as far as possible, and the wicked arts and avarice of forestallers and engrossers in this state having hitherto eluded the salutary laws made to punish and prevent such grievous and oppressive practices:

Persons buy-
ing goods, &c.
coming to
market, &c.
adjudged guilty
of forestall-
ing, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person shall buy, or cause to be bought, any goods, wares, or merchandise, coming to any market or fair within this state, to be sold in such market or fair, or coming to any city, town, port, harbour, haven, or creek, within this state, to be sold, or shall make any bargain, contract, or promise, for the having or buying of any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any part thereof, so coming as aforesaid, before the same shall be in the market, fair, city, town, port, harbour, haven, or creek, ready there to be sold, or shall induce any person coming to this state, or to any market or fair therein, to abstain or forbear to bring any goods, wares, or merchandise, to this state, or any part thereof, shall be adjudged a forestaller, and on conviction thereof in the general or any county court, shall be fined by the court not exceeding five thousand pounds, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court; provided that the buying any goods, wares, or merchandise, coming to market, by any person for the use and consumption of himself or family for a year, shall not be deemed forestalling.

Persons not to
buy to sell a-
gain, except
from the ori-
ginal import-
er, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any person within this state shall buy to sell again within this state, or in any of the adjoining states, any butter, beef, pork, cotton, wool, flax, woollens, hemp, tallow, raw hides, tanned leather, shoes, or salt, of the produce or growth of, or raised or manufactured in, this state, or if any person within this state shall obtain or get into his hands, by buying, contracting, or promise taking, (other than by demise, grant, or lease of land, or in payment for debt heretofore created) any goods, wares, or merchandise, imported into or manufactured within this state, except from the original importer or manufacturer, with intent to sell the same again within this state, or in any of the adjoining states, such person shall be adjudged an engrosser, and, on conviction thereof in the general or any county