

C H A P. XVIII. of the county, or his deputy, to aid and assist in carrying this act into effect, which said sheriff, or deputy, shall and is hereby required to aid and assist accordingly.

And to be delivered to the commissary-general, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That the said justice shall, and he is hereby required, as soon as may be after the grain or flour aforesaid is determined to be liable to seizure, to cause the same to be delivered to the commissary-general, quarter-master-general, or either of their deputies, he or they paying the price current at the time of engrossing, purchasing, or obtaining, such grain or flour, to the owner or person entitled to receive the same; and if there shall be any diversity of opinion respecting the current price aforesaid, between the owner or person entitled to receive the same, and the commissary-general, quarter-master-general, or either of their deputies, the justice of peace aforesaid, together with the two freeholders or other reputable persons aforesaid, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and required to fix and ascertain what the current price aforesaid shall be deemed to be; and the said justice shall, and he is hereby required, immediately on the grain or flour so seized being determined to have been engrossed, to bind over the said engrosser or engrossers, if present, by bond or recognizance, with good security, to be approved of by such justice, to appear at the next general court, to be held for the shire where the said grain or flour shall be so engrossed, there to answer for the offence aforesaid, or in default of finding such security, shall commit the said offender or offenders to gaol, there to remain until delivered by due course of law; and if such engrosser or engrossers be absent, or shall reside in any other county within this state, the said justice shall issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff or some constable of the county where the party or parties reside, or may be found, to apprehend him or them, and when apprehended, such sheriff or constable shall carry the party or parties before some justice of the county where apprehended, who shall bind him or them over, as above directed.

XI. And, Whereas it is represented to this present general assembly, that the price of salt hath been greatly enhanced by divers persons buying up the same, and keeping the price unregistered, with intent to sell the same at most exorbitant rates, in direct violation of the laws heretofore made, which hath been found insufficient to prevent such evil practices: For remedy whereof,

To cause engrossers of salt to be brought before him, &c.

XII. Be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace in any county of this state, and he is hereby authorized and required, on his own knowledge, or on information being made to him on oath or affirmation as aforesaid, by one or more credible witness or witnesses, of any quantity of salt being purchased by, or in the possession of, any individual, inhabiting, residing, or being, within this state, who may have engrossed the same, and that the price thereof hath not been duly registered in the naval office or county court office, agreeable to the directions of the laws heretofore made for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, to issue his warrant, directed to the sheriff or some constable of the county, to cause such person or persons to come before him, or some other justice of the peace for the county aforesaid; and if such person or persons, when brought before a magistrate, shall neglect or refuse to discover, on oath