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C H A P. XIV, XV, XVI.

the plaintiff's action accrued to him, according to the form of this act, without setting forth the special matter, provided a short note, expressing the cause of action, be lodged in the office at the time of issuing the writ) and if by indictment, the whole to the use of the state, and if by action of debt, one moiety to the plaintiff, and the other to the use of the state.

Continuance. XC. This act to continue three years and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

C H A P. XV.

An A C T concerning nonjurors.

Collection of treble tax suspended, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the collection of the treble tax, which nonjurors are liable to pay on the tax imposed by the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and an act, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, and also by an act passed at the last session of assembly, entitled, A supplement to the act for the assessment of property within this state, shall be and is hereby suspended until the end of the next session of assembly, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XVI.

An A C T to prevent frauds in commerce, and to direct the duty of naval officers.

No ship esteemed belonging to this state, unless one third is the property of its subjects, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no ship or other vessel shall be esteemed belonging to this state, and entitled to any privileges, as such, unless one third thereof at the least is actually and bonâ fide the property of one or more of the subjects of this state, and registered agreeable to this act; and every ship or other vessel above forty feet keel, any part whereof belongs to any one or more of the citizens of this state, shall be registered in the manner directed by this act.

Form of registering vessels, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the governor (or in his absence the president of the council) may grant registers for any ship or other vessel above forty feet keel, in the following form, to wit: " State of Maryland, to wit. I, _____ governor (or president of the council) of the said state, hereby certify all whom it may concern, that in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of this state, A. B. of _____ made oath (or affirmation) before me, that the ship or vessel called _____ whereof _____ is at present master, being a _____ feet keel, and of the burthen of _____ tons, was built at _____ in the year _____ and that the said A. B. together with _____ of _____ are at present actually and bonâ fide owners thereof, and that no subject of Great-Britain, or any other state at enmity or war with this state, or the United States, or any of them, directly or indirectly, hath any share or part, or interest therein. Given under my hand and seal, _____ at _____