

at the city of Annapolis, in the \_\_\_\_\_ year of the independence of this state, and on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 17 \_\_\_\_." And the said register shall be countersigned by the clerk of the council, and also by some one of the naval officers of this state, who shall annex his seal of office thereto; and no register shall be granted, before some one of the owners shall make and subscribe the said oath or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) which oath or affirmation the governor or the president of the council may administer, and a regular entry shall be made and kept of every register by the clerk of the council.

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III. And be it enacted, That if any ship or other vessel, above forty feet keel as aforesaid, shall lade on board any goods, wares, or merchandise, for exportation out of this state, without first obtaining such register, such vessel, together with her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any naval officer, or his deputy, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the officer making the seizure, and the other half to the use of the state.

Ships lading goods without registering to be forfeited, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the name of any ship or other vessel, registered agreeable to this act, shall not be changed, without registering such vessel anew, and if the property of such vessel be transferred, such sale shall be endorsed on the register.

Name not to be changed, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That every ship or other vessel, arriving in this state, shall come without delay as near to the naval office of the port of her delivery as she conveniently can, and as soon as she casts anchor, or within twenty-four hours thereafter, the master or commander shall report all her inward cargo, and produce the register of the vessel, and a manifest, containing the marks, numbers, packages, and contents, of all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported on board the said ship or vessel, and the said master or commander shall take the following oath or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear (or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm) that the within, or above, is a just and true manifest of the cargo imported on board the said ship or vessel, whereof I am master, and that I have not broken bulk, unladed, or discharged, any part of the cargo since my arrival in Maryland;" and such master or commander shall lodge the register of the vessel, and the manifest of the cargo, in the said office, and in case of default or neglect to make such report of the vessel and cargo, and to produce the register of such vessel, and in case of breaking bulk or disposing of any part of the cargo, before such report made and register produced, or without obtaining a permit from the naval officer to trade within his district, such vessel, together with her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any naval officer, or his deputy, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the officer making the seizure, and the other half to the use of the state.

Masters of vessels to report their cargo, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That all masters or commanders of ships and vessels, removing from one district to another, to take on board any cargo for exportation, shall produce a certificate of their entry, and shall not take on board any part of their cargo, without first obtaining a permit from the naval officer of the district where she is to load, and

Removing from one district to another to produce a certificate, &c.

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