

lecting, receiving, and paying the same; and if any naval officer shall take, receive, or demand, any greater sum of money for fee or reward than aforesaid, he shall forfeit five hundred pounds to the use of this state; and the said naval officers shall make out a fair table of their fees, and put the same up in the most public part of their offices.

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IX. And, Whereas it is thought reasonable that all vessels trading to and from this state should contribute something towards the support of this government and the expences of the war:

X. Be it enacted, That for every vessel above forty feet keel, at the time of entry with the naval officer, after the first day of November next, there shall be paid to him the sum of six-pence, for every ton burthen such vessel shall be computed to carry, for which the said naval officer shall be accountable to the treasury of the shore where such entry is made.

Six-pence per  
ton to be paid  
on entry, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That if any person shall forge or counterfeit any register, permit, or certificate, or erase, alter, or change, any register, permit, or certificate, granted in pursuance of this act, and be thereof convicted in the general or any county court of this state, he shall be fined not exceeding ten thousand pounds current money, or adjudged to suffer corporal punishment, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Punishment  
for forging  
registers, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That every master, at the time of his entry, shall lodge his register with the naval officer, as a security for the payment of all duties imposed by any act of assembly of this state, and no vessel shall be cleared out at any office but, that at which she shall be entered, and not before payment of all duties payable on the imported cargo.

Master to  
lodge register  
with naval of-  
ficer, &c.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the several naval officers shall, on or before the first day of November next (under the penalty of one thousand pounds) enter into bond, before two justices of the peace of their respective counties, or one judge of the general court, with good and sufficient securities, such as the said two justices or judge shall approve, in the penalty of five thousand pounds, with condition, "That if the above bound shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several duties required of him by the laws of this state, and shall faithfully collect and receive all rates, duties, or imposts, laid or imposed by any act of assembly, and shall well and truly pay to the treasurer of his shore the several rates, duties, or imposts, or sums of money or quantities of tobacco which he shall collect or receive, or be answerable for, by the laws of this state, at such time as by law shall be directed, and in all things conduct himself faithfully and honestly in the execution of his trust, according to his power, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue;" and the said two justices of the peace, or judge, shall immediately cause the said bond to be proved by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court, who shall record the same, with the endorsement thereon, and transmit the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, to the register of the chancery court, to be by him safely kept

Naval officers  
to enter into  
bond, &c.