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XVI.

last from and that she is, as I verily believe, the same ship or vessel described; meant; and intended, in and by the register now produced by me, and that no subject of Great-Britain, or of any other state at enmity or war with this state, or the United States, or any of them, has, directly or indirectly, any share, property, or interest therein, to my knowledge or belief; and no vessel shall be entered before such oath or affirmation made, and any vessel loading or unloading any goods, wares, or merchandise, before such proof made, shall be forfeited, with her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel and furniture, and may be condemned and applied as aforesaid.

XXIII. And, Whereas registers granted in virtue of this act may be lost or mislaid:

Lost registers
may be re-
paired, on
owner making
oath, &c.

XXIV. Be it enacted, That if any master or other person, having charge of any ship or vessel, and one of the owners thereof shall make oath or affirmation before the governor (or in his absence before the president of the council) that the ship or other vessel was, as they verily believe, registered agreeable to this act, but that the register of such ship or other vessel is lost or mislaid, and that they cannot find the same, and do not know where the same is or what is become thereof, and that the same hath not been, nor shall be, with their privity or knowledge, sold or disposed of to any person or persons, and that no subject of Great-Britain, or of any other state at enmity or war with this state, or the United States, or any of them, hath, to their knowledge or belief, directly or indirectly, any share, property or interest therein; and shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of one thousand pounds, with condition, that the said ship or vessel was duly registered agreeable to this act, and that the register, if found, shall be delivered up to the governor of this state to be cancelled, and that no illegal use has been or shall be made thereof, and that the same has not been or shall be fraudulently disposed of, and that no subject of Great-Britain, or of any other state at enmity or war with this state, or the United States, or any of them, has directly or indirectly any share, property, or interest, in such ship or vessel, the governor (or in his absence the president of the council) may grant a register for such vessel in the manner aforesaid.

How the ton-
nage of vessels
is to be ascer-
tained, &c.

XXV. And, To ascertain the tonnage of ships and other vessels, Be it enacted, That from and after the first day of November next, all ships and other vessels shall be measured (in order to the paying the duty of tonnage imposed by this act) by taking the length of the keel of every ship or vessel, so much as she treads on the ground, and the breadth to be taken within board by the midship beam, from plank to plank, and half that breadth shall be accounted for the depth of every ship or vessel, then multiply the length by the breadth, and the product thereof by the depth, and divide the whole by ninety-five, and the quotient shall give the true contents of the tonnage which such ship or vessel shall pay for.

XXVI. And, To prevent the wilful casting away, burning, or otherwise destroying, of ships, by the owners, masters, or mariners, of any ship or other vessel:

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