

XXVII. Be it enacted, That if any owner of, or captain, master, officer, or mariner, belonging to any ship or vessel, shall, after the first day of October next, wilfully cast away, burn, sink, or otherwise destroy, the ship or other vessel of which he is owner, or to which he belongeth, or in any wise direct or procure the same to be done, with intent or design to prejudice any person or persons that hath or shall underwrite any policy or policies of insurance thereon, or if any merchant or merchants that shall load goods thereon or of any owner or owners of such ship or vessel, the person or persons offending therein, being thereof lawfully convicted in the general court of this state, shall be deemed and adjudged a felon or felons, and shall suffer death without benefit of clergy.

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Persons de-
stroying ves-
sels, &c. to
suffer death.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That the fees allowed to naval officers, and the tonnage imposed by this act, shall be payable in gold or silver, at the rates and value ascertained by the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, passed this present session of assembly, or in the new bills of credit emitted by virtue of and on the funds established by the said act.

Fees to be
paid in gold,
&c.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That if the owner of any vessel of or under forty feet keel, shall incline to send out any such vessel to sea, a register may be granted for such vessel in the same manner as is directed by this act for vessels above forty feet keel.

Small vessels
may be regis-
tered, &c.

XXX. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Continuance.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to continue the act of assembly, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said act of assembly, made at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Monday the eighth day of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, be and is hereby continued and shall remain in force until the tenth day of September next.

An act conti-
nued.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That so much of the above recited act as prohibits the exportation of any of the articles enumerated in the said act by land, shall be and is hereby repealed, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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III. Provided also, and be it enacted, That in case the embargo be continued in the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, so that the trade of Delaware bay be not open for the emolument of the people residing on the waters, or in the vicinity thereof, then and in such case the governor and council are hereby authorized and fully empowered to

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