

saved harmless from any penalties incurred by reason of their not having paid the amount of the assessment on the real and personal property in their counties, within the time limited by law for such payment, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT to prohibit the exportation of Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, for a limited time.

Exp.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that several persons have, within a few days past, purchased up large quantities of Indian corn, of wheat and wheat flour, and thereby increased the scarcity and greatly enhanced the price of those articles, and are about removing the same out of this state to the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, from an expectation that the embargo will be discontinued in Pennsylvania and not revived in the Delaware state, and this general assembly are of opinion, that the supplies of those articles for the army will be obtained with difficulty, and the enemy furnished with considerable quantities of Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, unless the exportation of those articles be prohibited.

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, and flesh provisions of any kind, either alive or dead, which now are, or before notice of this act shall be, laden on board any vessel, or laden on any waggon or other carriage, for the purpose of transporting or carrying the same out of this state, through or to either of the states of Pennsylvania or Delaware, or in its way to any other place, for the purpose or with intent that it may be in any manner carried to either of the said states, or which are, or before notice as aforesaid shall be, removing in any manner for the purpose aforesaid, shall and may be liable to be stopped by any officer or private person, and such Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, or flesh provision, shall proceed no further, but shall, with all convenient dispatch, be deposited and kept in such place as may or shall be appointed for that purpose by any magistrate to whom information shall be given of such stoppage.

Indian corn, &c. carrying out of the state may be stopped, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person, after the publication of this act, to export or carry out of this state, by land, any Indian corn, wheat, or wheat flour, or other provision before mentioned, whether the same hath been before stopped as aforesaid or not, under the penalty of forfeiting one hundred pounds current money for every bushel of Indian corn or wheat, and three pounds like money for every pound of flour, or pound of other provision before mentioned, carried out of this state contrary to this act, and under penalty of forfeiting any Indian corn, wheat or wheat flour, or other provisions before mentioned, laden on board any vessel, or put in any waggon, cart, or other carriage, with intent to be carried out of this state, or in any other manner carrying or removing out of the same, together with the vessel and her tackle, apparel and furniture, or the waggon, cart, or other carriage, with the horses, oxen, or other beasts, em-

Penalty on persons carrying provisions out of the state, &c.