

C. H. A. P. XXXIV

Justice to make provision for persons removed, &c.

Proprietors of islands not to pay assessment, &c.

Vessels to be seized, &c.

Officers, &c. losing a limb, &c. to be supported, &c.

Penalty on persons persuading seamen, &c. to leave the service, &c.

islands, and under penalty of being deemed an enlisted soldier for the war, if a male person between the ages of sixteen and fifty.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the justices of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, are hereby directed and required to make suitable provisions for the maintainance and support of all persons removed from the said islands, who in the judgment of the said justices may stand in need thereof, and the same cause to be levied on their respective counties, and the expences of such maintainance shall be by the said justices charged to this state, and an account thereof transmitted to the house of delegates from time to time, that provision may be made for repayment thereof.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the proprietors of the said islands shall not be called on for, or obliged to pay, any assessment for the said islands, or any of them, so long as they remain depopulated in consequence of this act.

XX. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to direct, that any vessel, boat, or canoe, employed by any person to pass to any of the said islands (unless with their leave) be seized, and the same shall be forfeited and become the property of the person making the seizure.

XXI. And be it enacted, That if any officer, soldier, or marine, shall lose a limb, or be otherwise maimed or hurt, so as to be rendered incapable of procuring a livelihood, such officer, soldier, or marine, shall be entitled to receive the same provision and support as is or shall hereafter be established by this state for its officers and soldiers in the service of the United States.

XXII. And, To prevent masters of vessels and others from enticing any seaman, waterman, marine, or matros, to leave the service of the state,

XXIII. Be it enacted, That if any person shall persuade or entice any seaman, waterman, marine, or matros, to leave the service of this state, such person, on conviction thereof in the general or any county court, shall forfeit fifty pounds, (payable as aforesaid) one half to the informer, and the other half to the state; and if any master or mate of any vessel shall hire or entertain, or conceal, or endeavour to conceal, any seaman, waterman, marine, or matros, entered in the service of this state, knowing him to belong to such service, such master or mate, on conviction thereof before the governor and the council, or any one of the judges of the general court, or any two justices of the peace, shall forfeit twenty pounds, payable as aforesaid; and if any seaman or other person employed on board any vessel, shall entertain or conceal, or endeavour to conceal, any seaman, waterman, marine, or matros, entered in the service of the state, and knowing him to belong to such service, such person, convicted thereof as aforesaid, shall thereupon be deemed as entered in the service of the state for three years, as a seaman, waterman, marine, or matros, and receive wages as such.