

An ACT to continue the act prohibiting the export of grain, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, and to permit the exportation of wheat flour and Indian corn by sea under certain restrictions.

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BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the act to prohibit the exportation of Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, for a limited time, be continued, and shall remain in full force (except so much thereof as relates to the article of Indian corn) until the twentieth of April next.

Part of an act continued.

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II. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person, during the continuance of this act, to export by water out of this state, or to lade on board any vessel for exportation as aforesaid, any flesh provisions dead or alive, or any wheat, rye, oats, peas, beans, or bread; and if any person shall export any of the said articles, contrary to this act, or lade any of them on board any vessel for exportation, contrary thereto, such person, convicted thereof in the general or any county court, shall be fined not exceeding five thousand pounds current money for every offence; and any of the said articles laden on board any vessel for exportation, contrary to this act, shall be forfeited, together with the vessel, and her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel, and furniture, and may be seized by any naval officer or his deputy, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the use of the officer making the seizure, and the other half to the use of the state; and if any master, mate, or other commander of any vessel, shall receive any of the said articles on board the vessel by him commanded for exportation, contrary to this act, or shall have knowledge of any such articles being on board, and shall not make the same known to the naval officer at or before the time of clearing out his vessel, he shall, on conviction thereof in the general or any county court, be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, and imprisoned without bail not exceeding six months.

Flesh provisions, &c. not to be exported, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That any ship or other vessel, having on board, contrary to this act, any of the above enumerated commodities more than is necessary for her voyage, as herein directed, shall be liable, after she hath cleared out, or moved out of the harbour where such ship or vessel was laden, upon the master of such ship or vessel refusing to produce proper clearances, to be seized or taken by any ship or vessel belonging to this state, the United States, or either of them, and the captors shall be entitled, after condemnation, to receive the same share or proportion of the vessel and cargo so seized and condemned, as if the same had been British property; and if seized or taken by any ship or vessel being private property, after she hath cleared out or moved out of the harbour as aforesaid, the captors shall, after condemnation, be entitled to the whole of such vessel and cargo so seized and condemned.

Vessels may be seized, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person, during the continuance of this act, to export by water out of this state,

Wheat flour, &c. not to be exported, &c.

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