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or to lade on board any vessel for exportation as aforesaid, any wheat flour or Indian corn, except in the manner permitted and allowed by this act, under all the penalties and forfeitures above expressed.

Governor and council may permit Indian corn to be exported, &c.

V. ~~And be it enacted~~, That the governor and the council may permit any citizen of reputation and undoubted attachment to this state and its independence, to export by water, through the capes, or from Sinepuxent inlet, in vessels armed, provided and manned, in such manner as they shall approve, any quantity of Indian corn, the person obtaining such licence shall give bond in the same manner and with the same condition as is herein after directed to be given by the exporter of wheat flour, and some one of the owners of the vessel in which such corn is to be exported shall take the same oath as is herein after prescribed to be taken by the owner of any vessel in which flour may be exported agreeable to this act.

Flour found in hogheads, &c. forfeited, &c.

VI. ~~And be it enacted~~, That if any wheat flour shall be found in any hoghead, case, or package, other than flour barrels of the usual size, such act shall be evidence of fraud, and a design to export the same contrary to this act, and the same shall be forfeited, and if on board any vessel, she shall also be forfeited and condemned as aforesaid.

Flour may be exported, &c.

VII. ~~And be it enacted~~, That it shall be lawful, during the continuance of this act, to lade and export by sea, out of this state, wheat flour (the same being first inspected and found merchantable) in the manner and upon the conditions and regulations herein after provided, that it to say: In every ship or vessel, truly and bonâ fide armed and provided with six or more carriage guns, and suitable ammunition for the same (each of the said guns capable of discharging an iron ball at least three pounds avoirdupois weight) and manned with twenty men above sixteen years of age, each actually hired and employed for the defence and service of such vessel for the voyage, or to the port of delivery, any quantity of such flour not exceeding four hundred hundred pounds weight of one hundred and twelve pounds to the hundred: In every ship or other vessel, truly and bonâ fide armed and provided with ten or more carriage guns, and suitable ammunition (each of the said guns capable of discharging an iron ball at least four pounds avoirdupois weight) and manned with thirty men above sixteen years of age, each actually hired and employed for the defence and service of such vessel for the voyage, or to the port of delivery, any quantity of flour not exceeding one thousand hundred weight as aforesaid: In every ship or other vessel, truly and bonâ fide armed and provided with fourteen or more carriage guns, and suitable ammunition for the same (each of the said guns capable of carrying an iron ball at least four pounds avoirdupois weight) and manned with not less than forty men above sixteen years of age, each actually hired and employed in the defence and service of such vessel for the voyage, or to the port of delivery, any quantity of flour that such vessel can reasonably carry.

VIII. ~~And~~, Whereas it is the intent and meaning of this legislature, that the shipping of flour in pursuance of this act shall not distress the public service, or intercept proper supplies for the army, and it is reasonable that those who partake of the advantages herein given should make some recompence for the same:

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