

IX. Be it enacted, That before any ship or vessel, on board of which any flour shall be laden in pursuance of this act, shall be cleared out, the master or commander of such ship or vessel shall produce to the said naval officer a certificate, to be filed by the said naval officer, from the proper officer to be appointed by the governor and council for that purpose, acknowledging the receipt, or in case the same shall not be accepted the tender, of a quantity of good merchantable wheat flour for the use of the public, equal to one third part of the quantity of flour laden in such vessel, the same to be paid for in specie, or bills of credit at their passing value, or, at the election of the officer to be appointed by the governor and council as aforesaid, in certificates in specie, dischargeable in specie, or in new bills of credit to the value thereof, and bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, averaged on the quality of and price paid for the flour shipped and delivered as aforesaid; and the person appointed for the receipt of flour as aforesaid, may administer an oath or affirmation, as the case may require, to the person offering flour as aforesaid, true answer to give to all such questions as may be put to him concerning the flour laden to be exported and offered as aforesaid, and may question such person, on the oath or affirmation aforesaid, concerning the quality, price, or any other circumstance necessary to be known in adjusting the averaged quality and price of the said flour shipped and delivered as aforesaid.

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XXXV.
Masters of vessels to produce certificates, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall be and are hereby invested with power to take off the restrictions, when it appears to them that the quota of flour demanded by congress of this state is procured or obtained.

Governor and council may take off restrictions, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That no flour, designed for exportation in virtue of this act, shall be laden on board any ship or vessel, before the master of such ship or vessel shall deliver to the naval officer of the port where he shall lade, a memorial in writing, therein expressing such design, the name and kind of vessel, her size and tonnage, the name or names of the owner or owners, and the places of their several abodes, the number and size of the carriage guns with which such vessel is or is intended to be armed and fitted, and the number of men that he will hire and employ during such intended voyage, together with the quantity of flour he is desirous to lade, and requesting the naval officer to grant his permit for the lading thereof, in which said memorial, whatever respects number shall be expressed in words at length; whereupon the said naval officer, having first taken a bond to this state from the said master and two sufficient resident sureties, each obligor bound severally as well as jointly for at least double the value of such flour designed to be shipped as aforesaid, for the true and faithful compliance of said master and the owners of such vessel with the several requisites, regulations and limitations of this act, the said naval officer shall grant a permit for the lading of such quantity of flour as is in such case allowed by this act.

Master to deliver a memorial, &c.

XII. Provided always, That no permit shall be available for lading of any flour in pursuance of this act, unless the same shall be shipped in the proper vessel, and within forty days after the date of such permit, nor unless such lading be in the day time, and at some open wharf in the port where such lading is performed.

Proviso.

XIII. Provided