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hereby empowered to direct a search to be made of all ships or vessels on board of which they have cause to suspect such persons, enlisted as aforesaid, are enticed, harboured, or concealed, and to arrest and detain such ship or vessel till such search is made.

Prizes to be
divided, &c.

VIII. **And**, for the encouragement of the officers and soldiers of the said barges and galley, or other vessel of force, **Be it enacted**, That two thirds of any prizes or booty taken by them from the enemy shall be divided among the captors, in such proportion as regulated in like cases by congress.

Galley, &c.
subject to di-
rection of go-
vernor, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted**, That the said ship or galley and barges, when fitted out and prepared for a cruise, shall be subject to the direction of the governor, to be by him employed in such manner as he shall think will best answer the intention of this general assembly.

Officer re-
fusing, &c. to
forfeit his
commission,
&c.

X. **And be it enacted**, That if any officer of the said ship or galley, or barges, shall refuse indirectly the directions and commands aforesaid of the governor and council, he shall not only forfeit his commission, but also all his wages and prize money, and shall be subject to such other punishment as a court-martial may adjudge the offence to deserve.

Officers, &c.
of store vessel,
to be govern-
ed by like re-
gulations, &c.

XI. **And**, Whereas it may so happen, that before the ship or galley aforesaid can be equipped, it may be necessary for the governor and council to employ some vessel as a provision or store vessel to attend the barges, **Be it enacted**, That the officers and men of such vessel shall be subject to and governed by all the regulations aforesaid, in like manner with the officers and men of the ship or galley and barges.

Duties on ves-
sels, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted**, That on all vessels, at entrance or clearance from or to foreign parts, there shall be paid, by the master or owner thereof, the duty of one shilling per ton, to the several naval officers of this state, established or to be established, for the entrance and clearance of such vessels; and for every gallon of Madeira wine nine-pence, and other wine six-pence; and for every gallon of rum, brandy, and other distilled spirits, which shall be imported or brought into this state either by land or water, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty or custom of four-pence shall be paid by the owner or importer of the same; on registers for vessels, per ton one shilling; and for every hundred pounds of sugar, which shall be imported or brought into this state, as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty or custom of five shillings; and for every hundred pounds of coffee, which shall be imported or brought into this state, as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty of six shillings; and for all other goods or merchandise, except arms, ammunition, cloathing, and other articles, imported on account of the United States, or any of them, and wool cards, cotton cards, and wire for making them, salt and brown sugar, which shall be imported or brought into this state, as aforesaid, from any port or place whatsoever, the duty of one per centum ad valorem on the amount per invoice of such goods and merchandise; all which said duties shall be paid by the owner or importer of any of the articles or merchandise above mentioned.

XIII. **And**