

III. And be it enacted, That every ship or vessel above forty feet keel, one sixth part whereof belongs to any citizen of this state, shall be registered in manner and form herein after directed.

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Vessel above
40 feet keel to
be registered.

IV. And be it enacted, That if any owner of any vessel of or under forty feet keel shall desire to have a register for such vessel, the same may be granted in like manner and form.

Registers may
be granted for
smaller vessels.

V. And be it enacted, That any naval officer of this state may and shall, upon application of any owner of any ship or vessel, one sixth part whereof is the property of a citizen of this state, grant a register for such ship or vessel in the following form, viz. "State of Maryland, to wit: I _____ naval officer of the _____ district, hereby certify all whom it may concern, that in pursuance of an act of the general assembly of this state, A. B. made oath (or affirmation) before me, that the ship or vessel called _____ whereof _____ is at present master, being a _____ sterned vessel, of _____ feet keel, and of the burthen of _____ tons, was built at _____ in the year _____ and that the said _____ and _____ are at present actually and bonâ fide owners thereof, and that no subject of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them, hath, directly or indirectly, any part, share, or interest therein, to the best of his knowledge and belief. Given under my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ in the _____ year of the independence of this state, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and _____" Which said register shall be signed and sealed by the governor of this state, and countersigned by the clerk of the council for the time being.

Form of a re-
gister, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the several naval officers shall make due entries of every register granted by them, and transmit true lists thereof to the governor and council for the time being, in the months of June and December annually.

Naval officers
to make en-
tries, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That upon every register granted as aforesaid, a duty of one shilling current money per ton shall be paid by the master or owner thereof to the naval officer granting the same, and by the said naval officer paid into the public treasury.

One shilling
per ton to be
paid, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the tonnage of all ships and other vessels shall be ascertained in the following manner, viz. For a double deck vessel, take the length of the keel of every such vessel, (streight rabbit) and the breadth, to be taken within board by the midship beam from plank to plank, and half that breadth shall be accounted the depth of every such vessel, then multiply the length by the breadth, and the product thereof by the depth, and divide the whole by ninety-five, and the quotient shall give the true contents of the tonnage for which such vessel shall pay duty; and for a single deck vessel, take the length of keel as aforesaid, the breadth of beam, and depth of hold, and multiply and divide as aforesaid.

How tonnage
is to be ascer-
tained, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That all registers heretofore granted in this state, shall be delivered up to some one of the naval officers of this state and cancelled, and renewed agreeably to this act, without subjecting any ship or vessel to pay any duty for tonnage, or any other charges, except one half the customary fees to the naval officer, for renewing, recording, and transmitting the same.

Former re-
gisters to be
cancelled, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That if any ship or vessel, one sixth part whereof is the property of any citizen of this state, shall lade or take on board any goods, wares or merchandise, or any article the produce of this or

Vessels lading
without re-
gister forfeit-
ed, &c.