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any of the United States, or any of them, for exportation out of this state, without first obtaining a register and a permit from some naval officer, such ship or vessel, together with all her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any naval officer, or his deputy, and shall be condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the naval officer, and the other half to the use of the state; and the master or commander of such ship or vessel shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money.

Goods not to
be put on
board without
permit, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That no goods, wares or merchandise, nor any article the produce of this or any of the United States, shall be laden or put on board any ship or vessel, without a permit from a naval officer, or deputy, upon pain of forfeiture, and that no ship or vessel shall depart from any port or place within this state, to any port or place out of this state, unless with a clearance, signed and sealed by a naval officer, under penalty of being forfeited, seized and condemned, as aforesaid; and when any master or commander of any ship or vessel shall apply for a clearance, he shall deliver to the naval officer two fair manifests, containing the marks, numbers and contents, of all hogheads, pipes, tierces, casks, trunks, bales, boxes, trusses, packages, and other things, containing any goods, wares or merchandise, and a full account of all articles of the produce of this state, or of any of the United States, that is on board, or intended to be taken or laden on board such ship or vessel, and shall subscribe and prove the same by oath or affirmation, in the following manner, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that the above is a just and true manifest of all the cargo on board, or that is meant or intended to be taken or put on board, the ship or vessel called ——— whereof I am master and have the charge and command for her intended voyage to ——— and that I will use the utmost of my endeavours to prevent the said ship or vessel and cargo from falling into the hands of pirates, or of any subject of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them;" one of which said manifests shall be transmitted to the governor and council, and the other remain in the naval office; and the said master or commander shall enter into bond, with sufficient penalty and security, conditioned, that he will not trade with any pirate, or the subjects of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them, but according to his best skill and knowledge conduct the said ship or vessel to her destined port; and thereupon the naval officer shall grant a clearance for such vessel under his hand and seal; and if any goods, wares or merchandise, or any article the produce of any of the United States, not included in the manifest as aforesaid, shall be found on board any such ship or vessel, after the same has been cleared out by the naval officer as aforesaid, the same shall be forfeited, and may be seized by such naval officer, or his deputy.

Masters to
produce cer-
tificates, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That all masters or commanders of ships or vessels removing from one district to another to unlade any goods, wares or merchandise, or to take on board any cargo for exportation, shall produce a certificate of their entry, and shall not unlade any such goods, wares or merchandise, or take on board any part of their cargo, without first obtaining a permit from the naval officer of the district, and in case of neglect, the cargo unladen or laden from, or on board such ship or vessel, before such permit obtained, shall be forfeited, and may be seized as aforesaid; and all registered vessels carrying any goods, wares or merchandise, out of this state to the state of Virginia, or bringing them from thence, shall enter and clear; provided, nothing herein contained shall prevent any vessel of or under forty feet keel, and small boats, from sailing to Virginia with a proper permit, to be granted by some naval officer; and any vessel of or under forty feet keel, or small boat, which shall sail