

to the state of Virginia without such a permit, shall be forfeited, and may be seized as aforesaid, and the master or commander thereof shall forfeit fifty pounds current money.

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XIII. **And**, to prevent any small vessels trading to or from Virginia from running or smuggling any goods, wares and merchandise, into this state, or from on board any ship or vessel in the bay, to prevent the payment of any duty imposed by law, **Be it enacted**, That all vessels of or under forty feet keel, belonging to any citizen or citizens of this state, (the property whereof to be proved to the satisfaction of a naval officer,) shall be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall have a permit, under the hand and seal of a naval officer, in the following form, viz. "Maryland, to wit: Permission is hereby given for the vessel or boat called ——— the property of A. B. of this state, to sail from any port or place within this state, to any other port or place within the same, without being obliged to enter or clear, unless she shall have on board any articles subject to duty; this permit to continue for one year and no longer. Given under my hand and seal, this ——— day of ——— in the year 17——." And all small vessels or boats sailing from one district to another, without such permit, may be seized and forfeited; and all such vessels coming from any port or place out of this state, to any port or place within the same, shall be obliged to enter and clear.

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XIV. **And be it enacted**, That the name of any ship or vessel registered according to law, shall not be changed without renewing her register and paying a duty upon her tonnage; and if the property of any registered ship or vessel shall be transferred, or the master thereof changed, such transfer or change shall be certified upon the back of her register by the naval officer of the port or place where the same shall happen.

Name not to
be changed,
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XV. **And be it enacted**, That if the register of any ship or vessel, granted by any naval officer of this state, shall be lost or mislaid, if any master or other person having the charge of such ship or vessel, and one of the owners thereof, shall make oath or affirmation before his excellency the governor, or in his absence before the president of the council, that the ship or other vessel was, as they verily believe, registered agreeably to law, and that the register of such ship or vessel was casually lost or mislaid, and that they cannot find the same and do not know where it is, or what hath become of it, and that the same hath not been, nor shall be with their consent or knowledge, sold or disposed of to any person or persons, and that no subject of any state at war or enmity with this state, or the United States, or any of them, hath, to their knowledge or belief, directly or indirectly, any share, property, or interest therein; and shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of one thousand pounds, conditioned, that the register, if found, shall be delivered to the governor of this state to be cancelled, and that no illegal use has been or shall be made 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 share, property, or interest therein; and upon a certificate thereof granted by the governor, or in his absence by the president of the council, any naval officer shall, upon application, grant a new register for such ship or vessel.

In case of loss
new register
to be granted,
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XVI. **And be it enacted**, That every ship or other vessel arriving in this state from any port or place, shall come without delay as near to the naval office of the district she is destined for as she conveniently may, and within twenty-four hours after her arrival, the master or commander shall repair to the naval office of the said district, and report, and make entry of such ship or vessel and her cargo in the following manner, viz. he shall produce

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