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produce and deliver to the naval officer a clearance or permit from the place where the said ship or vessel received her cargo, and the register of such ship or vessel, and also shall deliver, under his hand, 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, imported in the said ship or vessel, and shall prove the same by oath or affirmation as follows, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that this manifest contains a just, true, and full account of all the cargo imported in the ship _____ whereof I am master, and that I have not broken bulk, unladen, or discharged any part of her cargo since her arrival in Maryland;" one of which manifests shall be transmitted to the governor and council for the time being, and the other remain with the naval officer; and the said master or commander shall swear or affirm as follows: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that the ship or vessel called _____ whereof I am master or commander, and which came last from _____ is, as I verily believe, the same vessel described, meant and intended, in and by the register by me produced, and that no subject of any state at war or enmity with the United States, or any of them, hath, directly or indirectly, any share, property, or interest therein, according to my knowledge and belief;" and the said register shall remain in the hands of the said naval officer, as a security for the payment of all duties imposed by law. And if any master or commander of any ship or vessel shall suffer any hoghead, pipe, tierce, cask, trunk, bale, box, truss, package, or other thing, containing any dutiable articles, to be opened on board the said ship or vessel, and the goods therein embezzled, changed, or put into any other form or package, or clandestinely carried away, after such ship or vessel hath come into this state, every such master or commander, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money.

Vessels not to be entered before reported, &c.

XVII. And be it enacted, That no ship or vessel shall be entered by any naval officer, before the master or commander shall report the same as aforesaid, and in case of default or neglect of the master and commander to make such report, and produce the register, as aforesaid, and in case of breaking bulk, or disposing of any part of the cargo, without making entry and obtaining a permit from a naval officer, the said ship or vessel, with her guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by the naval officer, or his deputy, and condemned in the court of admiralty, one half to the use of the said naval officer, and the other half to the use of this state.

Dutiable articles in small vessels to be entered, &c.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That every master or commander of a vessel of or under forty feet keel, having on board any dutiable articles, and coming into this state from any port or place, shall in like manner report and make entry of the same, and such vessel shall be liable for the duties on her cargo, and may be seized until such duties be paid, or secured to be paid; provided, that no vessel of or under forty feet keel, shall be subject to any duty on tonnage, or to any costs and charges, except the sum of five shillings current money, and no more, to the naval officer for making the entry and return thereof.

Vessels to be entered where they arrive, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That no ship or other vessel shall be entered at any port or place but that at which she shall arrive and report as aforesaid, nor shall any ship or vessel be cleared out at any naval office but that of the district where she shall have made her entry, and not before payment of all duties payable by law.

Penalty on false entry, &c.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any person shall be guilty of making a false entry of any ship or vessel, and be thereof convicted in the general court,