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LXXIX.

voyage, according to the number of hands (and passengers if any) on board, and if clearing from any port in this state, shall deliver in an account thereof to the naval officer by whom he shall be cleared; and for neglect in not providing sufficient provisions as aforesaid, he shall forfeit fifty pounds current money.

Penalty on  
shipping sea-  
men belong-  
ing to other  
vessels, &c.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That if any master of any ship (or other vessel) shall ship any mariner or seaman whom he shall know to have been before shipped by another master, he shall forfeit and pay five pounds current money for every such offence, and shall discharge such seaman or mariner from his service, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money; and if any mariner or seaman shipped by any master, shall afterwards ship himself with any other man, until he be discharged from the ship or vessel on which he was first shipped, he shall forfeit five pounds current money to the owner of the vessel on board of which he first shipped, and suffer one months imprisonment in the gaol of the county, and there be kept to continual and hard labour, according to his health and strength of body, to be recovered before, and adjudged by, any justice of the peace.

Seamen not to  
go on shore  
between sun-  
set, &c.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any mariner or seaman, shipped on board any vessel, to go and remain on shore at Baltimore-town, at any time between sunset and daybreak, without the leave in writing of the master of the vessel to which he belongs, and no inhabitant of Baltimore-town shall entertain any such mariner or seaman, within such time aforesaid, without permission as aforesaid, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every offence, to the owner of the vessel to which such mariner belongs.

Provido:

XLV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to vessels of war belonging to this state, or the United States, or any of them, or to vessels of war belonging to any kingdom or state in peace and amity with the United States; provided also, that nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to debar any seaman or mariner belonging to any merchant ship or vessel, from entering, or being entered, into the service on board of any of the vessels belonging to this state, or the United States; nor shall such seaman or mariner, for such entry, forfeit the wages due to him, during the term of his service in such merchant ship or vessel, nor shall such entry be deemed a desertion.

Part of an act  
repealed.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That so much of the act, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session seventeen hundred and eighty-three, as continues the act to prevent frauds in commerce, and to direct the duty of naval officers, for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, shall be and is hereby repealed.

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Act of Nov.  
1783, not al-  
tered, &c.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall repeal, or be construed to repeal or alter the act, entitled, An act laying a duty on British vessels and for other purposes, passed at November session seventeen hundred and eighty-three.

A public act.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That this act shall be deemed and taken to be a public act, and all judges and justices are hereby obliged to take notice of it as such, without specially pleading the same.

Continuance.

XLIX. This act to continue for seven years, and to the end of the next session of the general assembly thereafter.

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