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ance of the ship or vessel, or secured to be paid, in the same manner as herein after directed for duties on imports.

Articles land-
ed before en-
try, to be for-
feited, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That if any dutiable articles shall be landed or disposed of before due entry thereof, and payment of the duties therefor, or bond with sufficient security given for such payment within six months after such entry, the same shall be forfeited, and may be seized or recovered by any naval officer, or his deputy.

Abatement
for paying in
gold, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That if any person or persons shall pay any duties at the time of entry, in gold or silver coin current in this state of his or their own importation, and shall at the same time make oath, or affirmation, that the same gold or silver was imported by him or them, and that it was not carried out of the state with his or their privity and consent, with intent to take advantage of any law of this state by bringing the same back again, such person or persons shall have an abatement of ten per centum on all duties payable by law; and every naval officer is hereby authorized to make such abatement.

Goods not to
be landed be-
fore entry,
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That no goods, wares or merchandise, imported into this state in any ship or vessel, shall be landed, put on shore, vended or sold, until due entry thereof shall be made as aforesaid with the naval officer at the port or place where the same shall arrive, and a true account thereof given upon oath, or affirmation, before the said naval officer, (who shall certify the same on the back of the original invoice, or a true copy thereof) and the duties thereon paid, or secured to be paid within six months after such entry, by bond with sufficient security, which said bond the said naval officer is hereby required to take, and thereupon to grant a permit under his hand for landing and disposing of such goods; and the landing of all dutiable articles shall be in the day-time, and in an open place. And all articles liable to a duty, as aforesaid, landed, put on shore, vended, or sold, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, shall be forfeited and lost, and may be seized or recovered by the naval officer or his deputy, or any other person discovering or suing for the same; and every merchant, owner, or importer, factor, or agent, who shall be guilty of smuggling any dutiable articles contrary to law, shall, upon the oath of one or more credible witnesses, forfeit and pay, for every such offence, one hundred pounds current money; and if any merchant, owner, or importer, factor or agent, shall knowingly render a false account of any such dutiable articles, he shall forfeit and pay one hundred pounds current money, and shall suffer as in case of wilful and corrupt perjury.

Naval officers
may enter
vessels, &c.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That any naval officer of this state, or his deputy, shall have full power and authority to go on board, and enter upon, any ship or vessel within this state, and the same to examine and search, and from thence to take and send on shore any goods, wares, or merchandise, liable to duty by law, if such duty be not paid or secured to be paid, as aforesaid, within ten days after the arrival or entry of such ship or vessel, and such goods, wares, or merchandise, taken or sent on shore, to detain and secure until due payment of such duties be made, and if such payment be not made nor security given within two days from the time of such seizure, the naval officer is hereby empowered to sell the same at auction, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay the duties, and ten per centum thereon for charges of such seizure and sale; provided that notice shall be given of such sale, at the least two weeks in the public news-papers at or nearest the port or place where the same shall happen; and the said naval officer or his deputy is hereby authorized to be and remain on board any ship or vessel, until all dutiable articles imported