

be, disclose and make the same known to the governor, or some one of the judges or justices of this state for the time being, such person, on conviction thereof in the general court, shall be adjudged guilty of a misprision of treason, and shall forfeit all the estate which he had, at the time of the commission of the crime, to the use of this state.

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IV. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, by any word, open deed, writing, printing, or other act, advisedly and willingly declare, affirm, maintain or defend, that the king or parliament of Great-Britain hath any authority, power or jurisdiction, in or over the United States, or any of them, or that any allegiance is due from any of the subjects or inhabitants of the United States, or any of them, to the king of Great-Britain, his heirs or successors, or shall wickedly, corruptly or seditiously, persuade or entice any of the subjects or inhabitants of this state, to return to or acknowledge any dependence on the crown and parliament of Great-Britain, or to own any allegiance or obedience to the King of Great-Britain, his heirs or successors, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court, such person shall be fined not exceeding ten thousand pounds current money, and be imprisoned not more than five years, in the discretion of the court, or be banished this state for ever.

Fine for maintaining the authority of the king of Great-Britain, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, by any word, open deed, writing, printing, or other act, persuade or excite any of the inhabitants of this state to resist the present government thereof by force, or to oppose, or in any manner obstruct, with force, the execution of any of the laws of this state, such person, being convicted thereof in the general court, shall be fined not exceeding two thousand pounds current money, and be imprisoned not more than two years, in the discretion of the court.

For persuading persons to resist the present government, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall know of any intention, design or attempt, to commit any of the crimes declared by this act to be treason against this state, and shall not reveal the same, as soon as conveniently may be, to the governor, or some one of the judges or justices of this state for the time being, such person, on conviction thereof in the general court, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, and imprisoned not more than one year, in the discretion of the court.

For concealing of treason.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state, shall advisedly and maliciously, with an intention to obstruct the service, dissuade, discourage or obstruct, any person from enlisting or engaging in the army or navy of the United States, or any of them, such person, on conviction thereof in the general court, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, in the discretion of the court.

For dissuading persons from enlisting, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall, by any word, open deed, writing, printing, or other act, wickedly, corruptly or seditiously, dissuade, discourage or terrify, any of the people of this state from supporting the independency of the United States, or any of them, or shall directly or indirectly endeavour to support or justify the measures taken by the king and parliament of Great-Britain against the United States, or any of them, and shall be thereof convicted in the general court, such person shall be fined not exceeding one thousand pounds current money, in the discretion of the court.

For discouraging persons from supporting independence, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state, shall write or convey any letter, or send or carry any message, to any person employed in the service of Great-Britain against the United States, or any of them, without the leave of the governor of this state, or some one of the general officers of the army of the United States, or shall knowingly receive or bring any letter or message from any such person, and shall not deliver or communicate the same, as soon as conveniently may be, to the governor, or some one of the judges or justices of the peace within this state, and shall be thereof convicted in any county court

And for corresponding with enemies, &c.