

4. In case of the master's sickness, &c. the chief mate, &c. may enter the vessel; but the master before clearing, shall take the oath, &c. *ibid.* § 4.

5. Masters or commanders, suffering any servants or slaves to frequent their ships or vessels, or keeping or concealing them on board, shall forfeit and pay to the owner of such servant, &c. 20s. current money, for every hour such servant or slave shall be suffered to frequent, or be kept or concealed on board such ship, &c. to be recovered in a summary way, with costs, before a single magistrate; but masters of ships may hire any servants, &c. from their owners to work on board.—*ibid.* § 3, 4.

6. No master or commander of any vessel taking tobacco on freight, shall remove or transport any such tobacco from any warehouse, in order to be put on board his vessel, in any open boat, or undecked vessel, or on the deck of any vessel, without such good covering as will secure such tobacco against rain, under the penalty of 5l. current money for every offence.—1789, c. 26, § 43.

7. If any skipper or master of a flat or other vessel, after the 1 day of May next, shall take tobacco from any warehouse in this state on board his flat or boat, when the said flat or boat shall not be in good condition and provided with sufficient covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow and wet, such master or skipper shall forfeit 7s. 6d. current money, for every hoghead of tobacco so by him received on board, to be recovered before any justice of the peace as in the case of small debts, one third to the use of the informer, and two thirds to the use of the county; and it is declared to be the duty of every inspector to inform against every skipper whom he shall find so offending, and every inspector, before he permits any tobacco to be put on board any flat or other vessel, to be carried from his warehouse, shall examine the said flat or vessel in person, to see that the same is in good condition, and well provided with covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow, wet, and other injuries of weather.—1793, c. 47, § 2.

8. It shall not be lawful for any skipper, &c. to take any tobacco from any warehouse within this state, in order to carry the same on board of any ship or other vessel for exportation, before such skipper or master shall make oath, or affirmation, before the inspector or inspectors of such warehouse (who are required to administer the same under the penalty of 800lb. of tobacco for every neglect) that all such tobacco which he shall from time to time, receive from said warehouse, he will carefully and diligently put on board his flat or other vessel, and will, with all opportunity of wind and weather, convey, or cause the same to be conveyed on board such ship or vessel to which it shall be directed by the owner or owners thereof, to be loaded for exportation, and that he,
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