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his ability and health of body, taking care to pass none but such as are perfect in all their limbs and sight, able of body, in sound health, and without ruptures, or any other visible infirmities; and the lieutenant passing any recruits shall return a list thereof to the governor and the council.

Recruits to be
supplied, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to direct proper provision to be supplied and furnished for the said recruits.

Inhabitants to
be removed,
&c.

XIII. AND, whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that many of the inhabitants of the islands in this state below Barren Island have received the enemy's cruisers, and aided them with provisions and intelligence; BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to take effectual measures to remove all the inhabitants of any island within this state below Hooper's Straits, and between the sound and the bay, with all their stock and other property, to some part of the main, and to seize and sell all vessels, boats or canoes, belonging to any of the said inhabitants, and such removal shall take place before the first day of May next.

Persons not to
live on islands,
&c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any person to live on any of the said islands during the present war, under penalty of forfeiting all property belonging to them found on any of the said islands, and under penalty of being deemed an enlisted soldier for the war, if a male person between the age of sixteen and fifty.

Justices to
make provision,
&c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of Somerset, Dorchester and Worcester counties, are hereby directed and required to make suitable provisions for the maintenance and support of all persons removed from the said islands, who in the judgment of the said justices may stand in need thereof, and the same cause to be levied on their respective counties, and the expences of such maintenance shall be by the said justices charged to this state, and an account thereof transmitted to the house of delegates from time to time, that provision may be made for repayment thereof.

Proprietors not
to pay assessment,
&c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the proprietors of the said islands shall not be called on for, or obliged to pay, any assessment for the said islands, or any of them; so long as they remain depopulated in consequence of this act.

Vessels to be
seized, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to direct; that any vessel, boat or canoe, employed by any person to pass to any of the said islands, (unless with their leave,) be seized, and the same shall be forfeited and become the property of the person making the seizure.

Officers, &c. to
be supported,
&c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any officer, soldier or marine, shall lose a limb, or be otherwise maimed or hurt; so as to be rendered incapable of procuring a livelihood, such officer, soldier or marine, shall be entitled to receive the same provision and support as is or shall hereafter be established by this state for its officers and soldiers in the service of the United States.

Penalty for per-
suading sea-
men, &c. to
leave the ser-
vice, &c.

XIX. AND, to prevent masters of vessels and others from enticing any seaman, waterman, marine or matros, to leave the service of the state, BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall persuade or entice any seamen, waterman, marine or matros, to leave the service of this state, such person, on conviction thereof in the general or any county court, shall forfeit fifty pounds, (payable as aforesaid,) one half to the informer, and the other half to the state; and if any master or mate of any vessel shall hire or entertain, or conceal or endeavour to conceal, any seaman, waterman, marine or matros, entered in the service of this state, knowing him to belong to such service, such master or mate, on conviction thereof before the governor and the council, or any one of the judges of the general court, or any two justices of the peace, shall forfeit twenty pounds, payable as aforesaid; and if any seaman or other person employed on board any vessel shall entertain or conceal, or endeavour to conceal, any seaman, waterman, marine or matros, entered in the service of the state, and knowing him to belong to such service, such person, convicted thereof as aforesaid, shall thereupon be deemed as entered in the service of the state for three years as a seaman, waterman, marine or matros, and receive wages as such.

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An ACT to continue the act prohibiting the export of grain, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, and to permit the exportation of wheat flour and Indian corn by sea, under certain restrictions. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 423.

To continue until the 1st of August next, &c. Expired.

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