

Liber H. S. Vessel, is taken up and secured as aforesaid, which said Justice of the Peace shall, and he is hereby required to deliver, to the Party giving such Notice, an Advertisement, describing in the best Manner, the Built and Marks of such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, and the Name of such Person, and Place of his Abode; Copies of which Advertisement the said Party shall, within Ten Days after the Date thereof, cause to be set up in the most public Places of the said County, and within Thirty Days after such Date, procure the same to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, and shall deliver the same Boat, or other Vessel, to the Owner thereof, upon Payment of reasonable Cost and Charges for the same; he, or they, first proving the Property, by his, or their, own Oath, or otherwise, before some Justice of the Peace.

[Penalty for neglecting.] And be it further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, after the said last Day of March, shall take up and secure, any Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, drove from any Place of Mooring, Landing, or Harbour, or from any other Vessel, and shall not do, and perform, what is by this Act required, shall forfeit and pay to the Owner or Owners of such Flat, Boat, or Vessel, the Sum of Fifty Shillings Current Money, to be recovered in a summary Way, before One Justice of the Peace of the County where the Party accused doth reside.

[Proviso.] Provided always, That in Case any such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel, shall be taken up on the East Side of Chesapeake-Bay, or the North Side of Susquehanna-River, in the Winter Season, when it may so happen that by Reason of the Ice, no Intercourse may be had with the City of Annapolis; that then, and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons taking such Flat, Boat, or other Vessel into his, or their Custody, or Care, to cause such Advertisement, as is herein before directed, to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, within Thirty Days after the Obstruction of such Intercourse or Communication with the said City of Annapolis, shall or may be removed.

[Continuance.] This Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

9th November 1753  
Read and Assented to  
by the Lower House of  
Assembly  
Signed p Order  
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On behalf of the Right  
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of this Province I will  
this be a Law  
Sam. Ogle

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Read and Assented to  
by the Upper House of  
Assembly  
Signed p Order  
J. Ross Cl Up Ho.

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Wax Appendant