

Spanish milled pieces of eight, or dollars,	0	7	6	C H A P. LXXXIV.
Other coined Spanish silver of equal fineness, per ounce,	0	8	6	
English milled crowns,	0	8	4	
French silver crowns,	0	8	4	
Johannes, weighing eighteen pennyweight,	6	0	0	
Half Johannes, weighing nine pennyweight,	3	0	0	
Moidores, weighing six pennyweight eighteen grains,	2	5	0	
English guineas, weighing five pennyweight six grains,	1	15	0	
French guineas, weighing five pennyweight five grains,	1	14	6	
Doubloons, weighing seventeen pennyweight,	5	12	0	
Spanish pistoles, weighing four pennyweight six grains,	1	8	0	
French milled pistoles, weighing four pennyweight four grains,	1	7	6	
Other gold coin (German excepted) of the same fineness of Spanish or Portugal coin, per ounce,	6	13	4	

And the several naval officers shall respectively be allowed for collecting, accounting for and paying the duties received by them as herein after directed, the sum of four *per centum*, on all duties collected, secured, accounted for, and paid by them, or any of them; and they are hereby required to account for and pay into the treasury of the shore where such naval officer shall reside, twice in every year, to wit, on the tenth day of June and the tenth day of December, or within twenty-one days thereafter, all duties or monies received by them respectively, upon pain of forfeiting twenty *per cent.* per year, upon all such sum or sums of money as shall be received by them, or either of them, and remain unpaid at any time or times when the same ought to be paid, and of being suspended from their said office until such payment be made.

XIII. **And**, to prevent delays of the payment of the duties imposed by law, **Be it enacted**, That where any person or persons shall enter into bond for the payment of any duty, and shall not pay the same at the time limited by law, it shall and may be lawful to and for the naval officer, to sue out of the general court, or court of the county where such person or persons reside, one or more writs of *scire facias*, in the name of the state, returnable to the said court, against any person or persons chargeable with any duty, or security for the same, or against his or their heirs, executors or administrators, to shew cause why execution ought not to issue against him, them, or any of them, for the duty so unpaid, and thereupon the defendant or defendants, upon being served with such *scire facias*, shall appear and plead the second day of the first court, and a trial shall be had the first court, if it can be done with justice, and judgment shall be given for the duties due with an addition of twenty *per cent.* and execution shall issue on such judgment; and if the defendant or defendants named in such *scire facias* cannot be served therewith, or upon being served refuse to plead as aforesaid, judgment shall be given for the duties due with the addition of twenty *per cent.* and execution shall issue as aforesaid.

XIV. **And be it enacted**, That all goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state for the use and consumption of any minister or ministers of any kingdom, nation or state, in amity and alliance with the United States, shall be duty free.

XV. **And be it enacted**, That nothing in this act contained shall repeal, or shall be construed to repeal or alter, an act, entitled, An act laying a duty on British vessels; and for other purposes, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

XVI. **And**, to encourage the building of merchant vessels within this state, and to navigate them by citizens of this or some of the United States, **Be it enacted**, That on imports in any vessel built within this state, and navigated by a master, citizen of this state, and by mariners, one half of whom are citizens of this or some one of the United States, and one half of the property of such vessel actually belongs to some one or more of the citizens of this state, there shall be a deduction from the duties imposed by this act on enumerated articles, one sixth part thereof, and from the two *per cent.* duty on non-enumerated articles, there