

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That a duty of five shillings be and hereby is imposed on every tun of British shipping, at the entrance or clearance of any ship or other vessel, to be collected and paid into the treasury in the same manner prescribed in an act passed at November session, 1782, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles.

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Five shillings  
per tun im-  
posed on Bri-  
tish shipping,  
&c.

III. *Be it enacted,* That an additional duty of two *per centum, ad valorem,* over and above what is now paid, or may hereafter be paid, by the citizens of this state, be and hereby is imposed and directed to be collected, in the same manner as other duties imported in vessels the property of the citizens of this state, or the United States, upon all merchandise, manufactures and commodities, the growth or produce of Great-Britain, or any colony or other place under the dominion of Great-Britain, brought or imported in any British ship, or other British vessel owned or belonging in part or wholly to any British subject or subjects; provided that all merchandise, manufactures and commodities, being the property of any citizen or citizens of this, or the United States, brought or imported into this state before the first day of August next, in ships or other vessels owned as aforesaid, shall not be subject to the payment of the duty aforesaid.

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on British  
merchandise;  
&c.

IV. *Be it enacted,* That no register shall be granted for any ship or other vessel owned in whole or part by any British subject, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and the master, owner or mate, of any ship or other vessel for which register is required, shall make oath that the said ship or vessel is not owned, either in whole or any part thereof, by any British subject.

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subjects, &c.

V. *And,* for the more effectual removal and prevention of all restraints laid, or that may be laid, upon the commerce of the United States, *Be it enacted,* That the delegates from this state to congress are hereby authorized and empowered, in the name and on behalf of this state, to agree, and ratify any article or articles, by which the United States in congress assembled shall be invested with a power to prevent or prohibit the importation of all foreign goods or commodities in any other than ships or vessels owned by citizens of the United States, or any of them, and navigated by seamen citizens of the United States, or any of them, or such a proportion of seamen citizens of the United States, or any of them, as from time to time may be agreed to by nine states in congress assembled; and the article or articles containing the power aforesaid, or a power substantially the same, when agreed to by the other states in the union, or that may be in the union, shall be considered, taken and held, as a part of the articles of confederation and perpetual union; provided always, that said power shall not be exercised to the contravening any stipulation or treaty between the United States and foreign nations.

Delegates to  
ratify articles,  
&c.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT to settle and pay the civil list.

For the ensuing year only.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT to empower Elizabeth Margaret Littig, Philip Littig, and George Littig, to demise the real estate therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT to empower the justices of Somerset county, to levy on the inhabitants of the said county, a sum of money sufficient to erect a bridge over the river Wiccomico, at the town of Salisbury.

The sum is not to exceed £.200, to be levied at the next June court. The justices, or a majority of them, are to contract for the building of the bridge, in such a manner as not to obstruct the navigation for flats and other small craft.