

Governor and Council to commission a suitable person.

*Be it further enacted,* That whenever any person shall obtain from the Marine Society of *Newburyport*, a certificate signed by their clerk, that in their opinion, or in the opinion of the major part of the members of said Marine Society, he is capable and suitable to undertake the business of pilotage into and out of the river *Merrimack*, the Governor, with advice of Council, be, and he is hereby empowered to grant to such person a commission or branch for him to exercise said business as aforesaid, and the same to demand and recall whenever said Marine Society, or the major part of them, shall certify by their clerk that the said person is rendered incapable or improper to be continued in said business.

Person commissioned, to give bond.

*Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That before any person shall receive such commission or branch, he shall give bond, with sufficient surety, to the Treasurer of this Commonwealth, in the sum of *One hundred pounds*, conditioned that he will give up said commission or branch whenever it shall be demanded as aforesaid.

Persons piloting without being commissioned, not entitled to any fee.

*Be it further enacted,* That if any person other than one having obtained a commission or branch, as is herein before provided, shall presume to pilot a vessel contrary to the meaning of this act, he shall not be entitled to any fee for the same, and shall further be liable to pay any damages that may accrue in consequence of his undertaking so to pilot such vessel, to be recovered by the owner, assignee or master of said vessel, in an action on the case, to be brought before any Court proper to try the same.

*November 23, 1785.*

## 1785. — Chapter 30.

[October Session, ch. 12.]

### Chap. 30

Naturalization.

#### AN ACT FOR NATURALIZING WILLIAM BOND.

*Whereas* William Bond, late of Devonshire, in Great Britain, goldsmith, now residing at Falmouth, in the county of Cumberland, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, has petitioned the General Court that he may be naturalized, and be thereby entitled to all the rights, liberties and privileges of a free citizen of this Commonwealth:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority*

*of the same*, That the said *William Bond*, upon his taking the oaths of allegiance and abjuration required by the constitution of this Commonwealth, before two Justices of the Peace of the county where he dwells, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be a free citizen of this Commonwealth, to all intents, constructions and purposes, as if he, the said *William*, had been an inhabitant of the territory, now the Commonwealth aforesaid, at the time of making the present form of civil government.

*And it is further enacted*, That the Justices before whom the same oaths shall be taken, shall return a certificate of the same into the Secretary's office, to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose.

*November 23, 1785.*

### 1785. — Chapter 31.

[October Session, ch. 13.]

AN ACT REPEALING IN PART AN ACT, ENTITLED, "AN ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF NAVIGATION AND COMMERCE." Chap. 31

*Whereas some of the restrictions laid upon foreigners, indiscriminately, by the act for regulating navigation and commerce, are found in some instances to militate with the principles of reciprocity which ever ought to be adopted in commercial regulations:* Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That from and after the passing of this act, the several clauses contained in the before recited act, which impose a duty of tonnage on all foreign vessels, which subject the goods imported in foreign vessels to the payment of double duties, and which confine the unloading of goods from any foreign vessel, to the ports of *Boston, Falmouth, and Dartmouth*, except so far as is hereafter provided, be, and they are hereby repealed. Part of a former act repealed.

*Provided*, That the duty of light money required of all foreigners, shall be *one shilling and ten pence* per ton, in addition to the light money paid by the subjects of the United States, and no more. Proviso.

*Provided always*, That the act aforesaid, and every clause thereof, which respects foreigners and their property, shall be construed to be in full force against the subjects of the King of *Great Britain*, and the property of such subjects.

*November 29, 1785.*