

**THOMAS SIMLEE, Esq; Governor.**

1779.

Seal of a <i>posse comitatus</i> , to be issued with the sheriff's commission, and paid for by him	90	Seal of a <i>scire facias</i> thereupon	90	C H A P. XXV.
Seal of a writ of discharge, if any	90	Seal of a <i>superfideas</i> thereupon	90	
Seal of a patent of denization	320	Seal of every other matter or thing that shall pass the great seal, and not herein contained, when not issued for the benefit of the public	90	
Seal of a <i>ne exeat</i>	90			
Seal of a writ of error from any county court	90			

<b>F E E S in C O U R T of A D M I R A L T Y.</b>				
For every sentence or condemnation fee	500	For every stipulation made before the judge of the admiralty	90	In court of admiralty.
For attesting all depositions	23			

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the money shall be paid immediately on the service done, at the rate herein before specified, and the registers in chancery and court of admiralty respectively shall, every half year, pay the same to the treasurer of the western shore, for the use of the public, and shall annually lay before the general assembly a fair account of their receipts, and shall be allowed a commission of ten *per cent.* in full for their trouble and service in the execution of this act. To be paid on service done, &c.

XXIV. This act to continue until the first day of November next, and until the end of the next session which shall happen thereafter. Continuance.

Continued for one year, &c. by the act of October, 1780, ch. 23, which continuing act is itself continued for one year, &c. by the act of November, 1781, ch. 7; and until the first day of October, 1783, &c. by the act of November, 1782, ch. 32. The act of November, 1783, not attending to the last continuance, has enacted that the said continuing act be revived for one year, &c. and the act of 1784, ch. 83, continues it for three years, &c.

**C H A P. XXVI.**

An ACT to prevent distilling grain into spirit.

To commence on the 20th of January next, and continue to the 20th of March following, &c. Expired with the session of the said March.

**C H A P. XXVII.**

An ACT for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis. *PR.*

**C H A P. XXVIII.**

An ACT to empower the governor and the council to sell the public property therein mentioned.

Viz. all the state galleys, and the naval and military stores, at their discretion, only reserving enough for the use of the militia; likewise all the saltpetre, saltpans, kettles, and other utensils for manufacturing salt, or saltpetre; also such of the horses, waggons, harness, and geers, as they shall think proper.

They are empowered, likewise, to pay off and discharge the officers, mariners and marines, the two quarter-masters, the surgeon, the paymaster, and the manager of the state tanyard, which yard they may either sell or appoint a person to carry on, under their control. They are requested to incorporate the matrosses, now in service of the state, with those sent from it to the army, to be on the same footing with respect to pay, &c. and they are further requested to appoint persons to take care of such cannon and military stores as they may think proper to reserve.

**C H A P. XXIX.**

An ACT to appoint commissioners to state and settle the public accounts.

These commissioners, being three in number, had most extraordinary powers and duties. They were to examine the accounts and proceedings of the auditors-general, commissaries, commissioners of the loan-office, and quarter-master; to call on the executive for the proceedings of the council of safety, and of the late governor and council; to call to account the commissioners and collectors of the tax, and all persons generally, to whom money had been advanced, before the appointment of the present executive; to send for persons, papers, and records; to inquire into all public contracts for manufactures; to cause suits to be brought for breach thereof, or, with the approbation of the executive, to compromise them; to order suits for all balances appearing due, after giving notice to the debtors; and, lastly, to report their proceedings to the next general assembly. Any two might execute these powers. They might likewise appoint a clerk and door-keeper. And all sheriffs, and other officers, were bound, under the penalty of £. 500, to obey their orders. However, the duration of this act was limited to the first day of November, &c. beyond which it was not continued.

**C H A P. XXX.**

An ACT to make valid a deed from Joseph Semmes, of the kingdom of France, to Charles Goodrick, of Charles county. *PR.*

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