

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT relating to certain certificates.

Certificates, for money advanced to the public, granted under the supply bill of February session in 1777, may be discounted, both principal and interest, with the collectors of the present, or any future tax.

C H A P. XXXII.

An ACT for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army.

Appointing in each county several of the most respectable characters to collect wheat, wheat flour, rye, and Indian corn. For these articles they are to make diligent search, and, under certain restrictions, to seize them, in whatever hands they may be found, giving the proprietors certificates, expressing the time, quantity, and price. These certificates are to be printed, and signed by the commissioner who gives them; and duplicates thereof, countersigned by the persons who receive them, are to be transmitted to the western shore treasurer, and the originals are to be discountable out of the present or any future assessment.

This act, containing several other provisions, and to continue until the end of the next session, expired at the period limited; but a part thereof, authorising the commissioners to hire or impress carriages or vessels, for the purpose of conveying the said articles, was revived by the act of June, 1780, ch. 1, to continue till the end of the next session; when it expired.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

To continue three years, &c. Expired.

C H A P. XXXIV.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.

See the act of March, 1778, ch. 13.

C H A P. XXXV.

An ACT for the assessment of property within this state.

To raise £. 5 out of every 100.

C H A P. XXXVI.

An ACT for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army.

With 1,400 men, to serve three years or during the war. These are apportioned amongst the several counties; and the recruits under this act, or, in case of their deaths, their legal representatives, are, at the end of the three years, to have each fifty acres of land; provided they shall not, during that term, desert from the service. And the county courts may, at discretion, draw on the treasurers respectively for the maintenance of the needy families of such recruits. One hundred acres of land are likewise promised to every recruiting officer who shall, by the first of March next, enlist and deliver twenty recruits, passed by the lieutenant or any field officer of the county; and fifty acres are promised to every officer who shall deliver as many recruits by the first of April. And soldiers, whose terms will expire during the year 1780, upon re-enlisting, are to have the same benefits as new recruits under this act.

C H A P. XXXVII.

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors. *PR.*

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An ACT for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly.

Viz. by the act of November, 1766, ch. 26. They are to be brought to the western shore treasurer by the first of June next, or to be ever after irredeemable. In exchange for them, the holder may have bills drawn on the trustees in London by the said treasurer, who is to exercise all the powers given by that act to the one commissioner therein mentioned. Or the holders may have certificates, expressing the sum delivered in, payable with interest, discountable out of any assessment, and not to be forged, altered, or being forged or altered, passed in payment, by any person, knowing them to be such, under pain of death. If, however, the bills so drawn be not honoured, neither the drawer, nor any endorser, shall be liable for any damages, except the costs of protest; but they may be renewed.

As the former trustees of the bank stock may decline to act, this act nominates William Carmichael, Edmund Jenings, Joshua Johnson, Jonathan Williams, and Richard Bennett Lloyd, and requests Dr. Franklin, or, in case of his death, or declining to act, Mr. Jay, to appoint any one of the aforesaid persons, and procure him a passport, or safe conduct, to go to London, to act as trustee for this state, and sell the bank stock, discharge the bills drawn on the former trustees, and call on them for all money belonging to this state in their hands.

C H A P. XXXIX.

An ACT to increase the allowance of witnesses, and the fees of constables.

To continue till the end of the next session. Expired.