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XIV.

for every failure herein, the sum of twenty pounds current money; a copy of which account the said governor and council are hereby required to transmit quarterly to the secretary of congress or board of war, in order that a separate record may be there kept of the same.

No officer, &c.
to receive half
pay, till he pro-
duces a certifi-
cate, &c.

VI. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That no commissioned officer, non-commissioned officer, or private soldier, of the army, commander, commissioned officer, warrant officer, marine or seaman, of any of the ships of war or armed vessels of the United States, shall be entitled to his half pay, or other allowance, unless he produce to the justices of the said orphans court, a certificate from the commanding officer, who was in the same engagement in which he was so wounded, or in case of his death, from some other officer of the same corps, and the surgeon that attended him, or a certificate from the commander of the ship of war or armed vessel engaged in the action, in which any officer, marine or seaman, received his wound, or, in case of his death, from some other officer of the same ship or vessel, and the surgeon who attended him, of the name of the person so wounded, his office, rank, department, regiment, company, ship or war or armed vessel, to which he belonged, his office or rank therein, the nature of his wound, and in what action or engagement he received it; which certificates the said justices are hereby directed to cause to be registered, as well as all other proceedings by them to be done in virtue of this act, in a book by them to be kept for that purpose, under the penalty for every neglect thereof of twenty pounds current money.

What persons
are within the
meaning of
this act, &c.

VII. AND, whereas doubts may arise in some cases, whether certain persons maimed or disabled, and claiming pensions, were at the time in the service of the said states; for removing the same, BE IT ENACTED, That every commissioned and non-commissioned officer and private man, who, since the commencement of hostilities on the nineteenth of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, has been or shall be drawn forth for the common defence, (and not for the service of any particular state,) or who has turned out or shall hereafter turn out voluntarily to oppose the enemies of the said United States, upon any sudden attack or invasion, or upon any enterprise carried on under their authority, and in such service has lost, or shall lose, a limb, or has been, or shall be, otherwise disabled as aforesaid, shall be deemed and taken within the meaning of this act, and entitled to the benefit thereof.

Certain offi-
cers, &c. to be
formed into a
corps, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all such officers and soldiers, who may be entitled to the provisions under this act, and shall be found to be capable of doing guard or garrison duty, may be formed into a corps of invalids, and subject to the said duty; and all officers, marines and seamen, of the navy, who shall be entitled to the same provision, and shall be found capable of doing any duty on board the navy, or any department thereof, shall be liable to be so employed; and if any such commissioned or non-commissioned officer, or private man, who shall be found capable of doing guard or garrison duty, or any such officers, marines and seamen, of the navy, who shall be found capable of doing some duty on board the navy, or some department thereof, shall refuse so to do, when lawfully required, such person, so refusing, shall be struck off the list of pensioners, unless the governor and council think that an exception should be made in his favour, and an exemption granted him from such service, a certificate of which opinion he shall produce previous to his receiving his said pension.

Persons may
apply to the
governor, &c.

IX. AND, whereas it may happen that many persons maimed or disabled as aforesaid, by reason of their falling into the hands of the enemy, the deaths of their officers and surgeons, or other accidents, may not have it in their power to procure their certificates required by this act; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That in such cases application shall be made to the governor and council by such maimed or disabled persons as aforesaid, and, upon making it appear to them, by satisfactory proof, that he was maimed or disabled in the manner above mentioned, he shall be entitled to and receive a pension in like manner as if he produced the certificate before directed; and the governor and council, on such satisfactory proof being made to them, shall direct the justices of the said orphans court to draw on the treasurer for such pension as in the cases before mentioned.

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Passed 15th of
Dec. 1778.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Lib.
GR. fol. 302.

As continued.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, slaves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay, and measure of grain, salt, flax-seed and firewood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable,