

Passed 5th of
July, 1780.

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

TBH. No. 1. fol. 256.

Several acts
continued.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the enlarging the powers of the governor and council, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the eighth day of November, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, (a) and a supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, passed at the same session, (b) be and they are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force until the end of the next session of assembly; that other acts of assembly, entitled as follows, to wit: An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, (c) an act to increase the allowance of justices of the peace and jurymen, (d) and an act relating to fines, forfeitures and penalties, and to establish the allowance to witnesses and fees of constables, (e) made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Thursday the twenty-third day of March last, be and they are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force until the end of the next session of assembly.

(a) November, 1779, ch. 17.
(c) March, 1780, ch. 27.

(b) November, 1779, ch. 34.

(c) March, 1780, ch. 4.

(d) March, 1780, ch. 29.

An ACT to procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of the United States, and to raise an additional regiment, if necessary. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 256.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented by congress, and by letters from general Washington and the committee of co-operation, that it is absolutely necessary to bring a powerful army into the field this campaign; and it appearing to this general assembly their indispensable duty to make the most vigorous exertions to recruit the quota of troops of this state;

Proportion in
each county.

II. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That fourteen hundred men be forthwith raised, and that the same be apportioned among the several counties in manner following, viz. Saint-Mary's seventy-two, Kent sixty-two, Anne-Arundel ninety-six, Calvert thirty-eight, Charles sixty, Somerset sixty-eight, Dorchester eighty-two, Baltimore one hundred and forty-six, Prince-George's sixty-six, Cecil sixty-six, Talbot fifty, Queen-Anne's eighty, Worcester seventy-two, Frederick one hundred and sixty, Harford eighty-four, Caroline fifty-six, Washington sixty-two, Montgomery eighty; out of which number, so apportioned, each county shall have a deduction for all able bodied men heretofore enlisted in virtue of the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of the troops of this state in the American army.

Lieutenant,
&c. to meet,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the lieutenant of the county, and the several field-officers, together with the commissioners of the tax in each county, are hereby required, under the penalty of ten thousand pounds each, to meet at the usual place of holding their county courts, on the fifteenth day of July next, and the lieutenant of the county, field-officers and commissioners, or any five or more of them, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, to class all the property last assessed in their respective counties into as many equal classes as there may be men wanted for such county, and each class shall, within ten days thereafter, find an able bodied recruit to serve during the war, or take up a deserter enlisted to serve during the war, and the same deliver to the lieutenant of the county, to be by him passed, which being done, such class shall be exempt from contributing any property towards finding the men intended to be raised by this act.

To appoint a
person to re-
cruit, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any class shall neglect to procure a recruit or deserter as aforesaid, on or before the twenty-fifth day of July next, the lieutenant of the county, and in case of his death, absence or neglect, any field-officer of such county shall, and he is hereby authorized and required, as soon as possible thereafter, to appoint active and proper persons to procure an able bodied soldier for every class in his county neglecting to furnish their recruit as aforesaid, to serve during the war, and may empower the person by them appointed to recruit, to give such bounty of money as will obtain a recruit for such class, not exceeding fifteen pounds upon every hundred pounds worth of property classed agreeable to this act.

V. AND