

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Thursday the twenty-second of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, the following LAWS were enacted.

C H A P I.

An ACT to revive and continue the late act of assembly to prevent distilling grain into spirit.

**W**HEREAS the present appearance of a short crop of corn in several places within this state, occasioned by the want of rain and other causes, have rendered it expedient and necessary to revive and continue the late act, entitled, An act to prevent distilling grain into spirit : Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said late act of assembly, from and after the fourteenth day of August next, shall and is hereby revived and shall be continued in full force and effect, until the fifteenth day of November then next; and all persons offending against the same act, after the time first above specified, shall be liable and subject to all the penalties therein mentioned, in the same manner as if the act aforesaid were hereby again particularly re-enacted, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. A late act revived and continued.

C H A P. II.

An ACT to restrict the delegates of this state in congress from engaging in any trade, either foreign or domestic.

**B**E it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every delegate already chosen, or hereafter to be chosen, to represent this state in congress, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, take the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by any member of the council, or justice of the peace within this state, to wit: " I, A. B. do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am not, directly or indirectly, engaged in any merchandise, either foreign or domestic, by buying and selling for gain, and that I will not engage in any such merchandise, buying and selling, during the time for which I am or shall be elected a delegate in congress." So help me God. Delegates in congress to take an oath, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That each of the delegates already chosen, and now representing this state in congress, shall, as soon as conveniently may be, take the said oath or affirmation, which shall be administered to them by any one of the delegates, he having previously taken the said oath or affirmation. Oath to be administered to delegates now in congress by one of the others, &c.

III. This act to continue and be in force for two years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter. Continuance.