

dollar; and upon all other goods, wares, and merchandise, of foreign growth or manufacture, imported into this state from any foreign port, island, or plantation, a duty of five per cent. ad valorem, at the time and place of importation.

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III. And be it enacted, That the governor and council are hereby authorized to appoint proper persons to collect the duties aforesaid, at such convenient places within this state as congress shall direct, provided that the general assembly, at their next session that shall happen thereafter, may confirm such appointments, or displace the persons so appointed, and appoint other officers in their stead; and in case any appointments aforesaid should not be confirmed, and any of the officers aforesaid be displaced, and others not appointed in their stead, within one month after notice given by congress for that purpose, the appointments may be made by congress, agreeably to their resolve of the eighteenth of April seventeen hundred and eighty-three; provided the person or persons that may be appointed by congress be a resident of this state for at least three years preceding such appointment.

Governor and council to appoint collectors, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the United States in Congress assembled be authorized to appoint convenient places within this state, at which the duties aforesaid may be collected, and all officers appointed for the collection of the duties aforesaid, shall be amenable to and removable by congress; and the United States in Congress assembled, shall have power and authority to inflict such penalties as they may judge necessary to prevent frauds, and to secure the punctual payment of the duties aforesaid, and to enforce obedience to their ordinances and regulations respecting the duty of the officers to be appointed as aforesaid, and the faithful collection of the duties aforesaid; and all penalties inflicted by congress shall be recovered in the name of congress, and by the same speedy mode as is established by law for the recovery of fines for the breach of any of the laws of this state; and the said United States in Congress assembled, are hereby authorized and empowered to make such ordinances, regulations, and arrangements, as to them may seem proper or necessary, for the faithful and punctual payment and collection of the said duties; provided that the said ordinances, regulations, and arrangements, shall not be incompatible with the constitution or laws of this state now in force.

Congress to appoint places, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said duties are hereby granted to congress, for the purpose of discharging the principal and interest of all debts contracted on the faith of the United States, for supporting the late war with Great-Britain, agreeably to the resolution of congress of the sixteenth day of December last, and for no other purpose.

Duties granted for discharging debts only, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the power before given to congress, to impose and levy the said duties, shall remain and continue for the term of twenty-five years after the same shall take effect, by similar laws having been passed by all the states in the federal union, and which congress shall accept as a substantial compliance with that part of the resolution of the eighteenth of April, which recommends the duty and duties aforesaid, and no longer; and if the debt due by the United States during the late war, shall be paid and satisfied before the expiration of the said twenty-five years, then the power given by this act to

Continuance.