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in June, August, October, December, February and April, yearly, and that all process, pleas and proceedings, which are depending and undetermined in the said orphans court, or returnable to the second Tuesday in April next, shall be construed, judged and taken, to be in the same situation, state and condition, on the Friday next after the second Tuesday in April next, as they would be on the second Tuesday in April next, and the justices of said orphans court for the time being, may, on the Friday next after the second Tuesdays in April next, proceed to the hearing and determining of all process, pleas and proceedings respectively, as the case may require, as fully and effectually, to all intents, constructions and purposes whatsoever, as the justices of the said orphans court could or might lawfully do on the second Tuesday in February next, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed Mar. 3. An ACT for the benefit of Elizabeth Fleming, Margaret Offutt, and Anne Harding. (*A private act.*)

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Passed Mar. 3. An ACT for the relief of the widows of such officers of this state who died in the continental service.

Preamble.

**W** H E R E A S by an act of congress of the seventeenth of August seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, it is recommended to the several states to make such provision for the widows of such of their officers as have died in the service, as shall secure to them the sweets of that liberty for the attainment of which their husbands had nobly laid down their lives,

Governor and  
council to al-  
low a sum of  
money, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council, on application, may inquire into the situation and circumstances of the said widows, and shall allow them a sum of money, to be paid quarterly, not exceeding half the pay their deceased husbands were entitled quarterly to have received while in service, and shall draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sum or sums, not exceeding the half pay aforesaid, which shall be paid by the said treasurer out of any public money not appropriated to other purposes. Provided always, that such allowance shall cease and determine upon the future marriage of any such widow, unless there shall be any child or children living of her former husband, in which case the governor and council are hereby empowered to make such allowance, and to draw an order as aforesaid in favour of such child or children, and to authorise some fit and proper person to receive the same in trust, and for the use, benefit and maintenance, of such child or children, until they arrive to the age of twenty-one years. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be taken to extend the payment of the half-pay aforesaid to the widows and children of such officers who have died in the service of the United States, and have already, under particular laws, received provisions adequate to the said half-pay; and if the said particular provisions are not adequate to the said half-pay, then such deficiency shall be paid as aforesaid to the widows and children as aforesaid.

To be charged  
to the U. S.

III. And be it enacted, That the said sums shall be charged to the United States.