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XXIII.

given or made, in tobacco, by this or any act of assembly hereafter to be made or be in force during the continuance of this act, shall be paid and discharged in tobacco, at the rate of twelve shillings and six-pence per hundred, or in specie, valuing Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence, and gold and other silver in proportion, or in new bills at the passing value, at the election of the person charged therewith; which said value shall be ascertained and fixed at each term by the court by whom such fines, penalties and forfeitures, shall be imposed, and where such fees and allowances shall accrue and become due, and so on until paid and discharged.

Continuance.

IV. This act to continue one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

See the principal act for the continuances.

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An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors.

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An ACT to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

This act imposes a rate of 30s in the £. 100, to be paid in fresh pork at £. 3 per hundred, beef at 48s barrelled pork £. 8 10 0 per barrel, containing 220lb. wheat at 7/6 per bushel, wheat flour separated from the bran and shorts at 18/9 per short hundred, transfer tobacco at 17/6, and crop tobacco at 20s per hundred, Spanish dollars at 7/6, and gold, silver, or new bills of the emission of this state, at their respective comparative passing value, at the time of payment.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT to authorize the county courts to impose an assessment to defray their county charges.

Justices to adjust the county expences, &c.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the several county courts, or any three or more of them, in court sitting, shall, and they are hereby authorized and required, at their respective June or August courts, to adjust the ordinary and necessary expences of their several counties, including an allowance for the poor of their county, in real money, estimating Spanish milled silver dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, and for payment thereof (with the same commission for collection as may be allowed by the public) to impose an assessment or rate on all property within their county sufficient to defray such county charge, and the said justices shall apportion such assessment or rate according to the last valuation of property in their county, and the person or persons appointed to collect the public assessment or rate in their county, shall collect the same; and every collector, before he acts as such, shall give bond (payable to the state) with good and sufficient securities, such as the said justices shall approve, in double the sum to be collected, with condition, that if the above bound _____ shall well and faithfully execute his office, and the several duties required of him by law, and shall well and truly account for and pay to the justices of _____ county court, or their order, the several sums of money which he shall receive or be answerable for by law, at such time as the law shall direct, then the obligation to be void.

Clerk to keep an account of assessment, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the clerk of each county shall, and he is hereby directed, to keep a fair and accurate account of such assessment or rate, and how disposed of by his county court, in a book to be kept for that purpose alone, and shall annually, within one month after such assessment (under the penalty of fifty pounds current money) transmit a copy thereof to the governor and council, for their information, of the gross amount of the property in such county, and the amount of the tax for the county expences; and such clerk shall also, within ten days after such assessment (under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money) deliver a fair copy thereof to the collector or collectors appointed as aforesaid, and such collector or collectors shall, and he or they are hereby authorized and required, after the first day of October annually, to collect the same rate in the same manner the public assessment in such county shall by law be directed to be collected, and shall render account thereof and pay the same to the order of their respective county courts, on or before the first day of November annually, and