

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.

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XXVI.

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.

Purpose for
which duties
are granted,
&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 the United States in congress assembled, to levy the duties aforesaid, shall cease and determine.

Continuance;

VII. And be it enacted, That this act shall not be in force, before all and every of the United States shall pass laws, vesting the United States in congress assembled with power to impose, levy and collect, the said duties, agreeable to the resolve of congress of the eighteenth of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, for such time, and upon such terms, as the United States in congress assembled shall accept as a substantial compliance with that part of the resolutions of the eighteenth of April, which recommends the duty and duties aforesaid; and immediately upon such laws being passed, and such acceptance of the United States in congress assembled, this act shall commence, and be in force for the term aforesaid.

When to
commence,
&c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the officer or officers appointed to collect the duties aforesaid, in each and every district in this state, shall, and he or they are hereby directed, to deliver to the auditor-general of this state, annually, a true and exact account, on oath, of all the duties arising or accruing in virtue of this act, which account shall contain all monies received for said duties.

Officer to de-
liver an ac-
count, &c.