

1777.

MARYLAND, FEBRUARY.

C H A P.
XXIII,
XXIV.

Treasurer of
Western
Shore to pay
the Journal
of Accounts.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Treasurer of the Western Shore shall and is hereby authorized and required to deliver out of the Bills of Credit which now are or shall be in his Hands for the Use of this State, to the several Persons, their Executors, Administrators, Assigns or Orders, who are allowed by the Public, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several Sums of Money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be allowed, stated, and ascertained by the Journal of Accounts and List of Debts aforesaid.

C H A P. XXIV.

An ACT for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and the Council.

The Powers
of the Govern-
or and
Council en-
larged.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and the Council be invested with as full and ample Powers, except the Power of Banishment, as were heretofore lodged in the Councils of Safety by any of the late Conventions of this State.

They may
engage the
Militia to
march to any
adjoining
State, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the Governor and the Council of this State shall have full Power and Authority to engage such of the Militia as are willing to march to any of the adjoining States, for such Time and upon such Terms as they shall think proper; and in Case any Part of the said Militia shall march to the Assistance of the adjoining States, or turn out as Volunteers for that Purpose, they shall be allowed the same Pay and Rations as the continental marching Troops are entitled to.

Fines on Mi-
litia, how to
be recovered.

III. And be it enacted, That where any Fine or Fines have been or shall hereafter be imposed for a Breach of any of the Resolves of the several late Conventions, for regulating the Militia, by any commissioned Officer, non-commissioned Officer, or Private, such Fines, on the Party refusing to pay the same, may, upon Application being made to any Justice of the Peace for the County where the Offender resides, be levied by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, directed to some Constable, by Distress and Sale of the Parties Goods and Effects; but the Officers who set and adjudge the same may commit the Offender to a Sergeant, if they choose that as the best Method to compel Payment.

Governor
and Council
may procure
Necessaries
for the Mili-
tia, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Governor and the Council be authorized to procure, on such Terms and in such Manner as they may think best and most conducive to the public Safety, proper Magazines and Provisions, and other Necessaries, for any Militia called into Service; that they be empowered to procure as many Arms as possible, and on the best Terms in their Power.

And may
carry into
Execution
any Resolve
of Congress,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the Governor and the Council be authorized to carry into Execution any Resolve and Requisition of Congress which shall be made to this State, which they may judge for the Interest or Safety of this State. And also that the Governor and the Council shall have full Power and Authority to import, or cause to be imported, into this State, such military Stores and other Necessaries which