

C H A P.
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III. And, Whereas the last August court for Somerset county was adjourned by the justices thereof until the Monday before the third Tuesday of November in this year:

Causes, &c.
depending in
Somerset
county court,
adjourned,
&c.

IV. Be it enacted, That all causes, pleas, process, and proceedings, either criminal or civil, now depending and returnable to the said August term, in Somerset county aforesaid, and every of them, shall be and are, by virtue of this act, adjourned and continued until the second Tuesday in January next.

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An A C T for the relief of sundry of the inhabitants of this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by an act of assembly of this state, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the current year, it is among other things enacted and provided, "That if any person shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, the governor and the council may direct the collectors not to collect the assessment from such person, until the general assembly shall take order therein:" And, Whereas Stephen Hyland, John Hyland, John Kankey, Bennett Chew, Robert Hart, William Crouch, William Mauldin, Benjamin Mauldin, Thomas Savin, Nicholas Hyland, Jacob Lum, Nicholas George, Edward Hyland, James Thackray, Abraham Cazier, Michael Lum, William Veazey, William Bristow, Isaac Crouch, William Forster, John Ford, Jacob Hyland, Thomas Price, Nathan Phillips, and John Forster, all of Cecil county in this state, by their humble petition to this general assembly have set forth, that they have severally been obliged to desert their habitations, and have sustained considerable damage by means of the march of the British army through their several plantations, who most wantonly ravaged and destroyed the property of the petitioners: And whereas it appears to this general assembly, that although the petitioners are not within the letter of the aforesaid act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the current year, yet nevertheless they are within the spirit and equity of the said act, and ought to partake of all the benefits, advantages, and indulgences, by the said recited act intended to be conferred and granted to persons who should from thenceforward be compelled by the enemy to leave their habitations, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on their business or occupations:

Petitioners excused from paying assessment, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That they the said petitioners, and every of them, shall be excused from paying any assessment heretofore imposed on the inhabitants of this state; and in case the sheriff or collector shall have already received the same assessment, or any part thereof, such sheriff or collector shall be obliged to account with the person or persons from whom he may have received the same, and shall refund such money so received; for which said money so refunded, such sheriff or collector shall be allowed on the settlement of his account with the commissioners of Cecil county aforesaid, as also for his commission in collecting the same.

III. And