

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the following persons, viz. Robert Manning, Thomas Carberry, and the reverend Peter Morris, of Saint Mary's county; Thomas Bowers, Samuel Thomas, Nathaniel Knock, Richard Jones, John Ward Pennington, Samuel Beck, John Webb, and Robert Webb, of Kent county; Vachel Dorsey, senior, Elie Elder, John Dicus, and Anthony Gott, of Anne-Arundel county; Thomas Tull, Jacob Hern, Jacob Cutten, Littleton Johnson, Thomas Summers, and Solomon Bird, of Somerset county; James Sewers, John Lecompte, senior, Thomas Vickars, Levin Williams, Henry Clarridge, John Pagan, and Matthew Smith, of Dorchester county; John Douglass, Arthur Alexander, William Glasgow, junior, Alexander Coghron, Samuel Arnot, Robert Roland, William Craig, Thomas Kilgore, John M'Knight, John Boots, Nicholas Kelly, and Joseph Mifflin, of Cecil county; Jacob Hudson, Joseph Guy, Samuel Collins, and Richard Woodward, of Charles county; Francis Wayman, of Talbot county; Philemon Tanner, John Cockey, Benjamin Tolson, Richard Carter, and John Davis, of Queen-Anne's county; Jonathan Hyde, John Orr, Anthony Zerick, and Henry Landers, of Frederick county; Reese Price, of Washington county; Bennett Green, John Poole, William Jeapes, of Montgomery county; Robert Richardson, of Worcester county; John Sunderland, of Calvert county; and John Orrell, of Caroline county; have, by their petitions to this general assembly, set forth, that they, by sickness or other unavoidable accident, were prevented from taking the oath or affirmation of support and fidelity to this state, as by the act for the better security of the government they were enjoined to do; and the general assembly having taken the said petitions into consideration, finds the facts alleged in them to be true, and that the petitioners have a just title to the relief they pray for:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if each and every of the above mentioned petitioners shall, on or before the fourteenth day of February next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) of fidelity and support to this state, required by the act for the better security of the government, before some justice of the peace of his or their county or counties, and deliver a certificate thereof to the clerk of such county, who shall and he is hereby directed, to enrol the name or names of such person or persons in his book kept for that purpose, they shall from thenceforth be relieved from the treble tax and all pains, penalties, and disabilities, whatsoever, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of free citizens of this state, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons named, who take the oath before Feb. 14, to enjoy the same privileges as other subjects.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for each and every of the above mentioned petitioners, who shall take, repeat, and subscribe the aforesaid oath or affirmation, on or before the fourteenth day of February next, to apply to the sheriff of his or their county for all such money as may have been collected from him or them

And to receive the money paid as treble tax, &c.