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them as treble tax under the act for the better security of the government, and the sheriff is hereby directed and enjoined to restore the above mentioned sums of money on application of such person or persons, on his or their producing a certificate of his or their having taken, repeated, and subscribed, the aforesaid oath or affirmation, within the time limited by this act for that purpose.

Sheriff to make reimbursements out of money received, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the sheriff shall make the above reimbursements out of the monies received by him as collector of the tax, and shall have allowance made to him in his account with the commissioners of the tax for all monies so repaid in virtue of this act.

V. And, Whereas it appears from the petitions of Rebecca Lane, of Anne-Arundel county; of Julia Weller, of Frederick county; of Sarah Hays, of Montgomery county; and of Margaret Sturgen, of Harford county; that the husbands of the petitioners, viz. John Lane, Philip Weller, William Hays, and William Sturgen, have been for some years past insane, and whereas it appears by the petition of sundry persons on behalf of Richard Stone, of Charles county, that he is insane, and therefore incapable of complying with the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government

Insane persons named to enjoy the like privileges, &c.

VI. Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, That the said John Lane, Philip Weller, William Hays, William Sturgen, and Richard Stone, shall be, and they are hereby released from all pains, penalties, and disabilities, incurred by them for non-compliance with the above act, and they shall be in the same situation with those persons who took, repeated, and subscribed the oath for the better security of the government as by law enjoined, and that the sheriffs of those counties in which the said John Lane, Philip Weller, William Hays, William Sturgen, and Richard Stone, may have been taxed, shall reimburse to them all monies received from them as treble tax, which sums of money shall be repaid and allowed for in manner above directed.

VII. And, Whereas Samuel Young, residing in Baltimore county and holding property in Baltimore and Harford counties, did take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath of fidelity and support to this state in Harford county, within the time limited by law for that purpose, whereby he has given sufficient proof of his attachment to the liberties and independence of America. And whereas there would be a high degree of injustice in punishing a man who had acted up to the spirit and intention of a law merely because he had not entirely adhered to the formal part thereof

Samuel Young relieved from the treble tax, &c.

VIII. Be it therefore enacted, That the said Samuel Young shall be relieved from the treble tax, and all pains, penalties, and disabilities, whatsoever, imposed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, and be entitled to all privileges and immunities of a free citizen of this state, provided he take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath of fidelity and support to this state on or before the fourteenth day of February next, before some one justice of the peace of the county in which he resides, and shall deliver a certificate thereof to the clerk of such county, who is hereby directed to enrol his name in his