

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said James Bartlett be and is hereby freed, acquitted, and discharged, from all the pains, penalties, forfeitures, and disabilities, imposed by the said act for the better security of the government on persons refusing or neglecting to take the said oath, as by the said act directed, and shall from henceforward be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of a free citizen of this state, to all intents and purposes, as if the said James had complied with the requisitions in the said act.

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James Bartlett freed from all penalties, &c.

III. And be it further enacted, That the sheriff of Talbot county aforesaid is hereby required to pay the said James Bartlett all such sums of money as may at any time heretofore have been collected, received, or taken, from the said James Bartlett, as treble tax, under the act for the better security of the government; which said reimbursements the said sheriff is hereby directed and empowered to make the said James Bartlett, out of the monies received by him as collector of the tax for the county aforesaid, for which he shall have an allowance made to him in his account with the commissioners of the tax.

Sheriff to pay him the money received as treble tax, &c.

IV. And, Whereas it is prayed by sundry of the inhabitants of this state, that the reverend Bartholomew Booth, of Frederick county, may be permitted to teach and preach the Gospel, and also to teach and educate youth in any public or private school:

V. Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Bartholomew Booth, to take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath of fidelity and support to this state, before any magistrate of Frederick county aforesaid, who is hereby authorized and empowered to administer the same, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said Bartholomew Booth, from the time of his taking, repeating, and subscribing, the said oath, to teach or preach the Gospel within this state, and to educate youth, by teaching in any public or private school within this state, any former law to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Bartholomew Booth may take the oath of fidelity, &c.

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An ACT for removing sundry original papers in the late prerogative office to the several orphans courts in this state, and such original papers lodged in the late secretary's office as relate to suits in the general court for the eastern shore.

WHEREAS difficulties have frequently arisen for the want of original papers in actions formerly commenced in the provincial court, and depending in the general court of the eastern shore, and also in the several orphans courts of this state for the want of original papers in the late prerogative office:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, That the officer having the custody of the records and papers of the late provincial court shall, on or before the ninth day of April next, sort out, distribute, and separately and securely pack up, in a box to be prepared by him for that purpose, all the original papers in all actions, pleas, process, and proceedings, formerly

Papers in the late provincial court office, relating to the general court on E. shore, to be packed up, &c.