

M A R Y L A N D, J U L Y,

1779.

October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, be and is hereby continued and shall be and remain in full force, to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the end of the present session of assembly.

C H A P.
XX, XXI.

II. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council shall be and are hereby authorized and requested to cause subscriptions to be opened in the several counties of this state, agreeable to the requisition of congress of the twenty-ninth day of June last past, for borrowing the sum of twenty millions of dollars on the faith of the United States; and the governor and the council are hereby authorized, and requested to appoint persons of character and influence in every county to receive subscriptions, and transmit the same to the commissioner of the continental loan-office in this state, and also to transmit to the persons so appointed, and to such persons as are invested with the like authority by the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, a subscription-paper, together with a copy of the said requisition; and for that purpose the governor and the council are hereby requested to cause a sufficient number of such subscription-papers and copies of the said requisition, to be struck off by the printer at the public expence.

Governor and council to cause subscriptions to be opened, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

An A C T for the relief of certain nonjurors.

WHEREAS, by several acts of assembly heretofore passed for the relief of certain nonjurors therein mentioned, it is enacted, that such of the said nonjurors, who should take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or affirmation of fidelity to this state, on or before certain days in the said acts mentioned, should be restored to the privileges of free citizens, and have the sums of money they had paid for the treble tax returned to them by the sheriffs or collectors of their counties respectively: And whereas the aforesaid laws did not reach several of the counties of this state before the time for the taking the oath or affirmation aforesaid had elapsed, by means whereof the persons in such counties omitted to comply with the said laws:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any of the persons in the said acts mentioned shall, on or before the first day of November 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 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 mentioned in former acts to take the oath by Nov. 1, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for each and every of the above-mentioned persons, who shall take, repeat and subscribe the aforesaid oath or affirmation, on or before the first day of November next, to apply to the collector of his or their county, to be repaid by the collector, &c.

To be repaid by the collector, &c.