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of stockings, and a pair of overalls, and a bounty of fifty acres of land, to be granted each recruit at the expiration of three years; and each recruit, and his property in this state, should be exempt from all taxes during his continuance in service, and for four years after he should be legally discharged: And whereas great inconveniences may arise, if equal gratuities and privileges are not given to those who may enlist after that day:

Persons en-
listing before
Aug. 1, enti-
tled to the
same bounty,
&c. allowed
to recruits
under the re-
cited act.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person enlisted, or who may enlist, after the first day of April seven-teen hundred and eighty, and before the first day of August next, be entitled to the same bounties and privileges, and the same quantity of cloathing, that were allowed to recruits enlisted under the recited act aforesaid.

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An ACT to aid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the act of assembly passed the last session, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, was not transmitted to the commissioners of the tax for several of the counties, before the expiration of the time limited for the appointment of clerks and assessors, whereby the said commissioners have been prevented from qualifying and appointing clerks and assessors, according to the directions of the said act. For remedy whereof,

Commission-
ers to meet
before May
10, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said commissioners of the tax, appointed by the act aforesaid, who have not already qualified agreeable to the act aforesaid, shall meet together, at the place where the county court is usually held in their respective counties, on or before the tenth day of May next, and then and there proceed to qualify themselves, and appoint clerks and assessors, in the manner as if they had met on the seventeenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty.

Commission-
ers, &c. re-
fusing to serve,
&c. to forfeit
as appointed
by the said
act.

III. *And be it enacted,* That if any commissioner, nominated and appointed by virtue of the recited act aforesaid, shall make default at the time appointed for his appearance, or shall refuse to serve, not having a lawful excuse, to be adjudged of in manner as by the above recited act is directed, or if any assessor shall refuse to serve, or neglect to return certificates of his assessment to the commissioners at the time and place by them appointed, such commissioner and assessor shall, for every such neglect, refusal, or default, forfeit the same sums as are ascertained and imposed by the act aforesaid; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, by warrant under their hands, to appoint an assessor, in the room of any assessor so refusing or making default; and every assessor, so appointed, shall be liable to the same penalty for every neglect, refusal, or default, as aforesaid; and if any assessor shall happen to die, before he shall have fully completed his assessment, the said commissioners may, by warrant under their hands, nominate an assessor in the room of any assessor so dying.

IV. *And,*