

An ACT respecting the appointment of delegates to congresses.

WHEREAS it is necessary that each state in the union should constantly have delegates properly authorized to act in the assembly of the United States, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the delegates for this state in congress shall hereafter be annually appointed on the third Monday in November, or on some other day of the same week, with power and authority to meet and act as delegates for this state in congress on the second Monday in December next after such appointment, and for one whole year thereafter, to commence from such second Monday in December, and also to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, to be appointed by the United States in congress assembled within the time aforesaid. Delegates to be annually appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, If any delegate from this state in congress, after such appointment, shall resign, die, refuse to act, or be recalled, another delegate in his stead shall be appointed for the remainder of the year only. In case of resignation another to be appointed, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That a commission shall issue to the delegates to be appointed as aforesaid, signed by the governor for the time being, with the great seal of the state thereto annexed, and the commission shall be in the following form, to wit: "To _____ The state of Maryland reposing special trust and confidence in your diligence, wisdom and fidelity, hath appointed you delegates for this state in the United States in congress assembled, with full power and authority to you, or any two or more of you, to represent and act for this state in the United States in congress assembled, for one whole year from the second Monday of December next; and also you, or either of you, are fully empowered and authorized to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, which may within the time aforesaid be appointed by the United States in congress assembled. Given under my hand, and the seal of the state, at the city of Annapolis, this _____ day of _____ anno domini —." Form of commission, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the present delegates for this state in the United States in congress assembled, or any two or more of them, shall have power and authority to represent and act for this state in congress, until the fourth day of December next; and also each or either of them have full power and authority to represent and act for this state in a committee of the states, to be appointed by the United States in congress assembled within the said time, and a commission shall be issued by the governor to the said delegates in form aforesaid. How long they may act, &c.

An ACT for the discovery of confiscated British property.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to call on all persons having confiscated British property in their possession, or the title papers thereof or relating thereto, to discover and make known, and deliver up the same; and if the said intendant has probable and good ground to suspect, that any person holds the same in trust for any British subject, or conceals the same, or any deeds, writings or evidence of the Intendant to cause papers to be delivered up, &c.
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