

*An act for the assessment of property within this  
state.*

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ H E R E A S it is indispensably necessary,  
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ as well for defraying the current expences,  
✠ W ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ as to establish a fund for the punctual  
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ payment of interest on loans to this state,  
✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ as also to recruit our quota of troops in  
the American army, and furnish them with provisions  
and cloathing, that the rate or assessment should  
be continued;

*Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the following rate or assessment shall be set on all property within this state, to wit: five pounds for every hundred pounds worth of property within the state, and in the same proportion for every greater or lesser sum, and the same rate shall be assessed, paid, collected and levied, in the manner by this act herein after directed.

*Provided,* That all property belonging to this state, or the United States, or any of them, or to any church, county or parish, or to any public or county school, provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the family for the year, and wearing apparel, shall be and is hereby excepted from any rate or assessment.

*And provided also,* That if any person shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, or hath lost his negroes by means of the enemy, or otherwise greatly suffered, the gover-