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## CHAP. LXXXVIII.

Passed Jan. 19 1805

*An Act to pay the Civil List, and other expenses of Civil Government.*  
Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 674.

Preamble.

WHEREAS those who dedicate their time, abilities and labour, to the public, ought to receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for their services;

Officers salaries.

2. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following officers of civil government for the time being shall be entitled to receive at the rate of the following salaries, in current money, for the ensuing year; to wit: The treasurer of the western shore two thousand dollars, the treasurer of the eastern shore four hundred and fifty dollars, the auditor eight hundred dollars, the clerk of the council eight hundred dollars, the clerk of the senate one hundred and fifty dollars, the clerk of the house of delegates three hundred dollars, the printer to the state twelve hundred dollars, the messenger to the council two hundred and fifty dollars.

Monies to be first applied.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all monies which shall remain in the treasury, after discharging the journal of accounts, and all unappropriated money which may come into the treasury, be first applied to the payment of the civil list for the ensuing year.

## CHAP. LXXXIX.

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*A Supplement to the Act, (a) entitled, An act in favour of the President and Directors of the Potomac Company, and the Commissioners of the Federal Buildings.* Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 674.

Preamble.

(a) 1794, ch. 66 See 1802, ch. 84.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that certain owners of slaves in the state of Maryland are in the habit of hiring able bodied male slaves to the Potomac Company, to be by them employed as labourers upon the public works of the said company on the Shenandoah, and elsewhere in the state of Virginia, and doubts having arisen whether the said slaves can under the existing laws of this state, be brought back to this state, after a year's residence in the state of Virginia, without being entitled to freedom: And whereas it appears both reasonable and proper that the citizens of this state should be allowed the privilege of hiring their slaves to the best advantage, when no injury to the state can result therefrom, and that every facility should be given to works of public utility; therefore,

Company authorized to hire slaves the property of citizens of this state.

2. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Potomac Company to hire any male slave or slaves, the property of any citizen of this state, and to employ every such slave on any part of the works of which they may have the superintendence and direction within the state of Virginia, and that no slave now employed, or who may hereafter be employed, by the Potomac Company as aforesaid, shall in any manner be entitled to his freedom when brought back to the state of Maryland; *Provided nevertheless*, that in case any slave or slaves thus employed and hired shall not be brought back to this state within the term of twelve months after the completion of such works, this act shall in no manner affect the rights of such slave to freedom.

Proviso.