

IX. This act to continue three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the said three years. C H A P. VIII.

This act expired with the session of November, 1782; but it was revived by the act of November, 1783, for twenty-one years. Continuance.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes.

To continue one year, &c. Expired with October session, 1780, another act having passed under the same title.

C H A P. X.

An ACT to direct the recording of a deed to John Brice. *PR.*

C H A P. XI.

An ACT for the relief of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, and Benjamin Cawood, collector of the assessment in Charles county. *PR.*

C H A P. XII.

An ACT to direct the recording of a deed from Richard Jones and Anne his wife, to Edward Willett, of Prince-George's county. *PR.*

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to appoint commissioners to take the depositions of witnesses on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Cæcil county.

Who had represented that many tracts of land near the temporary line, the settlers of which had formerly adhered to the government of Pennsylvania and Delaware, were, by a resolve of the Maryland convention, on the third of July, 1776, taken into this state; that on account of the dispute respecting the boundaries of the two provinces, no patents had ever been obtained from either government; that they apprehended their estates to be in danger, unless the legislature would advert to their situation, &c. To this representation a certain Mark Alexander had put in a counter petition. The legislature therefore constitutes five commissioners, who are to appoint a time and place, give public notice thereof, and then and there proceed, after taking an oath of office, to take the examination of witnesses on both sides, receive such papers and authenticated records as may be offered by either, and transmit the whole of such proofs, together with their own report, to the next general assembly which shall sit after their commission shall have been executed. Any three of the five may act, and appoint a clerk, who is to take a like oath. The allowance to the whole board is £. 3 *per diem*, to be paid by the parties, or their agents, no allowance being by the act given to their clerk.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT concerning nonjurors.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treble tax, which nonjurors are liable to pay in virtue of the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, and of the act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, shall be and is hereby suspended until the tenth day of November next, any thing to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. Treble tax suspended, &c.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT relating to the officers and soldiers of this state in the American army, and other purposes therein mentioned.

To provide each of the commissioned and staff officers of the Maryland line, and of the state troops, in the continental army, with four good shirts and a complete uniform, suitable to his station, every year during the war, at the prices which formerly obtained; and to allow him, at fixed rates, tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar, rum, soap, and tobacco, in certain portions, to be dealt out by the day and month. But for the present year, in lieu of all these, he shall receive 2,000 dollars. The non-commissioned officers and privates have likewise an allowance in rum and tobacco, which, for the present year, is commuted into the sum of £. 20 to each.

This act, moreover, offers, over and beyond the congress and state bounties, a hat, a pair of shoes, stockings and overalls, to him who will enlist, to serve in a Maryland regiment three years, or during the war. And it directs the effective matrosses in Annapolis and Baltimore, to be incorporated into a company, sent to camp as part of our quota, and entitled to receive the continental bounty. The invalids, together with so many recruits as it may be necessary to enlist for three years or the duration of the war, are to be officered to do garrison duty, and take care of the arms and military stores at Annapolis and Baltimore.

The executive is authorized to draw on the treasurers for the purpose of executing this law.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to increase the fines on jurymen, witnesses, constables, and others therein mentioned.

To continue one year, &c. Expired.