

all fines, forfeited recognizances, and amerciaments, be duly collected, and that all property forfeited for treason or felony be seized for the state, and taken care of, and that he lay an account thereof, at every session, before the house of delegates, for their inspection, and the direction of the legislature. C H A P. L.

IV. And be it enacted, That the assessment or rate imposed by the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, on the stock or property of merchants employed in trade, shall cease and be repealed, after the said duty of five *per cent.* shall take place. Rate on merchandise to cease, &c.

C H A P. LI.

An ACT to increase the allowance of jurymen attending the general court.

To continue until the end of the next session. Expired.

C H A P. LII.

An ACT to vest in Samuel Chase and Allen Quynn, Esquires, and their heirs, in trust, and for the uses therein mentioned, the theatre in the city of Annapolis.

C H A P. LIII.

An ACT to empower Catharine Woolsey to sell the real estate of George Woolsey, her late husband, for the purposes therein mentioned.

C H A P. LIV.

An additional supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two.

Reducing the present year's tax from 45*s* in the £. 100 to 30*s*, 5 of which must be paid in specie for the use of congress; one half of the residue is likewise payable by the 1st of August, and the other half by the 1st of November. Of the last, a sufficient sum is to be appropriated to the payment of one year's interest on specie certificates. If any person has, agreeably to the principal act, paid 22*s*6 in the £. 100, for the first half payment, he shall be chargeable with only 2*s*6, on the 1st of November, in specie, or specifics, and 5*s* in specie, to be paid by the first of August. And if any person has paid more than 25*s* for the £. 100, the surplus shall be returned, and he shall be chargeable with the 5*s* specie tax only. The intendant is required to sell wheat or tobacco, to the amount of £. 50,000 specie, for the use of congress; and he may borrow, if he can, to the amount of £. 30,000, and pledge the 5*s* tax for security.

For grinding, bolting, and packing or preserving the flour, for two months, the owners of mills are to be paid a tenth.

C H A P. LV.

An ACT to prevent suits on certain debts for a limited time.

**B**E it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That no action or suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by any creditor against his debtor, for any debt, promise, contract or agreement, created or made before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, or between that day and the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, for gold, silver or sterling, before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, unless the debtor shall refuse or neglect to pay the interest due or which shall become due annually on such debt, in gold or silver, or in bills of credit, agreeably to an act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolves of convention, in thirty days after demand made, or hath removed, or shall be about to remove, himself or his effects out of this state, or shall refuse, on request of his creditor, to renew his obligation, promise, contract or agreement, and with security, if required; and the court, before whom any such action or suit hath been or shall be brought, shall inquire into the fact, and, *ex officio*, order such action or suit to be discontinued, if prosecuted contrary to this act; provided, that this act shall not extend to any action or suit commenced or prosecuted, at law or in equity, against any guardian, executor, administrator or trustee. Suits not to be commenced for debts, &c.

II. Provided also, and be it enacted, That if any debtor has for sale any wheat, Indian corn, oats, tobacco, pork, stock of any kind, slaves or land, and his creditor or creditors offer to receive any of the articles above mentioned, in discharge of such debt, promise, contract or agreement, at the real value of such enumerated articles, which valuation shall be ascertained by any two or more of the commissioners of the tax for the county where such debtor resides,