

in him as agent by the law aforesaid, and his appointment and commission from the governor and council as aforesaid,) in the court of chancery of Great-Britain, to compel Sylvanus Grove and James Russell to execute their trust, and to transfer to him the bank stock held by them in trust for this state, and against Messieurs Ewers and the trustees of John Buchanan, respecting their pretended claims to the said bank stock, is hereby approved, ratified and confirmed, and the said Samuel Chase, Esquire, is hereby fully authorized to represent and act on behalf of this state, in all matters and things concerning the said bank stock, and in his name to prosecute the said suit in the court of chancery of Great-Britain to final decree; and he is hereby fully invested with every right, power and authority, necessary for that purpose; and the general assembly of this state hereby engage to confirm and abide by such decree as shall be made in the said cause by the lord chancellor of Great-Britain, or such determination of the house of lords of that kingdom as shall be made on appeal of either party; and this right and power in the said Samuel Chase, Esquire, to commence and prosecute the said suit to final decree, shall (if necessary) take place from and relate to the date of his commission.

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III. And be it enacted, That the said agent, in the prosecution of the said suit in the court of chancery, be directed (if necessary) to make or admit the attorney-general of Great-Britain a party of the said suit.

Agent to admit attorney-general a party, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the governor and council be authorized to instruct the said agent as to his conduct respecting his agency, and to direct him to prosecute the said suit against James Russell, and the other defendants, with all vigour and expedition, and not to make any kind of compromise with Russell, or any other of the defendants, and the said agent is hereby directed to obey such instructions.

To be instructed by governor, &c.

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A Supplement to the act to authorize the United States in congress assembled to impose and levy a duty of five *per cent.* on imported foreign goods, and all prizes and prize goods, for the payment of the debt contracted by congress during the war.

**B**E it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the said act shall be in force, and the powers thereby vested in the United States in congress assembled shall take place, and may be exercised, as soon as twelve states, including this state, shall vest the United States in congress assembled with power and authority to levy and collect the duty in the said act mentioned, for such time and upon such terms as the United States in congress assembled shall accept as a substantial compliance with their resolve of the third of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-one; and the delegates of this state in congress are hereby authorized and instructed to consent to the most proper and effectual measures, consistent with the confederation, for obtaining complete power to be vested in the United States for the purpose aforesaid.

When act is to be in force, &c.

C H A P. LXXVIII.

An ACT to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church in this state.

**W**HEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly by the reverend William Smith, doctor in divinity, the reverend William West, John Andrews, and Thomas John Clagett, that they are a committee appointed by and in behalf of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church in this state, (formerly denominated the church of England,) to solicit an act of incorporation to enable the clergy of the said church to raise and manage a fund for providing small annuities for the distressed widows of the said clergy, and for the education of their children; and this general assembly are earnestly desirous to promote every pious and charitable design for the relief and assistance

Preamble.