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XLI.

said money, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff or collector of Washington county for the time being, from the inhabitants of said county, in the same manner as other public levies and county assessments are by law collected, and shall be paid by the said sheriff or collector to the justices of the said county, and shall be by them applied to the finishing the prison in said county, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever.

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Passed May
26.

An ACT to procure a permanent fund for the debt due from this state to Messieurs Vanstaphorst.

Preamble.

WHEREAS this state is indebted on loan from Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, on a contract made with them by Matthew Ridley, agent of this state, bearing date the thirty-first day of July, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and are desirous of complying with the said contract, according to the determination of the arbitrators chosen on the part of this state and the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst, but, from the very heavy debt incurred by this government in consequence of the late war, it is not in its power to provide means to pay the same within the time the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst may expect; and this state desire, and it is the wish of this government, to do every thing in its power to satisfy the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst respecting the said contract;

A proposal to
be made, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That it be, and is hereby proposed by this general assembly, to Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, to add to the loan from them to this state a sum of money as a compensation for their profits from the difference in price between the sum stipulated to be allowed by them to this state, and the probable price they can obtain on the one thousand hogsheds of tobacco to be delivered them annually for the space of ten years; also a further sum of money as a compensation for their commission on the remittance of the said tobacco, and for other incidental expences and charges; and that the original loan, with the said sums allowed for compensation, and consolidated as aforesaid, be considered as a debt to be due from this state on the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and to bear, from that time, an annual interest thereon, and that such debt be in lieu and full satisfaction of the loan and contract aforesaid, and all the terms and conditions thereof, and that this state shall discharge the principal within the term of ten years from the said first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and may, at their option, pay the principal at any time after the expiration of five years from the said first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven.

Agents ap-
pointed, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Johnson and Uriah Forrest, Esquires, be and are hereby appointed agents on behalf of this state to make the above proposition to Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, and to negotiate, agree, and finally adjust with them the sum to be by them received for compensation for their profits as aforesaid, and also the sum to be by them received for compensation for their commission, and other incidental expences and charges; and the faith of this government is hereby pledged to the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst to perform the contract to be made by the said agents on behalf of this state, according to the trust and power reposed in them, and this government do hereby engage to pay to the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst the money that shall be so adjusted with them, agreeably to the proposal aforesaid; and the said agents, or any two of them, or any one of them with the approbation of the other two, shall have power to negotiate and finally agree with the said Vanstaphorsts, agreeably to the power and trust reposed in the said agents by this act.

Additional
duty imposed,
&c.

IV. *And, as a permanent fund to pay the annual interest on the sum to be liquidated and ascertained as aforesaid, Be it enacted,* That from and after the end of this present session of assembly, an additional duty of one per cent. current