

entitled "An act to provide increased revenue from imports, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," the 8th section of which Act provides that a direct tax of twenty millions of dollars be and is hereby annually laid upon the United States, and the same shall be and is hereby apportioned to the States respectively, in manner following: to the State of Maryland, as one of the States thus taxed; four hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-three and one-third dollars;

And whereas, the 53d section of said Act provides that any State, Territory, and the District of Columbia, may lawfully assume, assess, collect, and pay into the treasury of the United States, the direct tax, or its quota thereof, imposed by this Act upon the State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, in its own way and manner, by and through its own officers, assessors and collectors;

And whereas, it further provides, by the same section of said Act, "That any such State, Territory, or District, which shall give notice by the Governor, or other proper officer thereof, to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, on or before the second Tuesday of February next, and in each succeeding year thereafter, of its intention to assume and pay, or to assess, collect and pay, into the Treasury of the United States, the direct tax imposed by this Act, shall be entitled, in lieu of the compensation, pay, per diem, and per centage, herein prescribed and allowed to assessors, assistant assessors and collectors of the United States, to a deduction of fifteen per centum on the quota of direct tax apportioned to such State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, through its said officers;" Therefore,

Ordered, That the committee of Ways and Means, to be hereafter appointed, be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of this State assuming her proportion of the direct tax imposed upon her by the act of Congress above quoted, and to provide for the payment of the same, through and by her own State officers.

Be it further ordered, That the said committee be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the State to borrow, upon the faith of the same, four hundred thirty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-three and one third dollars, annually for three years, if the war in which we are now engaged should last so long; and that the fifteen per cent. premium, allowed by virtue of the Act of Congress above quoted, or so much of the same as they may deem sufficient, be set apart as a sinking fund to meet the principal of said money when borrowed, the interest accruing to be paid semi-annually out of the State Treasury,