

Passed 15th of
Jan. 1783.

An ACT allowing a longer time to compound on old certificates.

Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 218.

Time for com-
pounding, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all persons having surveys made before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, or having surveys since made by virtue of warrants granted before that time, may compound thereon on or before the first day of July next, after which day warrants may issue to affect the land not paid for before that day, to the person who shall first apply for the same.

Proviso.

II. PROVIDED ALWAYS, That no warrant shall issue to affect any survey not compounded on within the time aforesaid limited, if the certificate has been lost or mislaid, or erroneous, or where the owner is an infant, or caveat remains in force against issuing grant, or default in payment has not been owing to the neglect of the owner, without the express licence of the chancellor; and if any owner shall neglect to compound on such certificates, he may, at any time before application for a warrant to affect such land, obtain a grant, on paying for surplus or vacant land the sum of seven shillings and six pence per acre, or for escheat lands two thirds of the actual value, and for improvements (if any) the full worth thereof, as in other cases.

An ACT to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 219.

Rate of assess-
ment, &c.

FOR raising the necessary supplies for the ensuing year, BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the rate or assessment of twenty-five shillings current money shall be and is hereby laid and imposed for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and in the same proportion for every greater or less sum; and the said rate or assessment shall be divided into two parts, and shall be paid, collected and levied, in the manner herein after directed.

Proviso.

II. PROVIDED, That all property belonging to this state or the United States, or to any church, county or parish, or to any public or county school, all provisions, (except live stock,) necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong, and his family for the year, plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations, ready money, wearing apparel, and also the personal property of any person who hath been or shall be drove from his habitation in either of the southern states by the enemy, if such person shall have taken the oath of allegiance to the state to which he did belong, and shall settle in this state with the approbation of the governor and council, shall and are hereby excepted from any rate or assessment.

Proviso.

III. AND PROVIDED ALSO, That if any person (who hath taken the oath of fidelity and support to this state, and hath accordingly exerted himself in favour of the freedom and independence thereof,) shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, or hath, by means of the enemy, lost his negroes, had his houses burned, or otherwise greatly suffered, the commissioners of the tax may, in their discretion, direct the collector to suspend the collection of the assessment on the gross valuation by the assessor of the property taken away or destroyed by the enemy, until the general assembly shall take order therein; and the commissioners are required to return to the general assembly a list of such suspensions, and the causes and proofs for which the same were made.

Commissioners
to be appoint-
ed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That five sensible, discreet and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called Commissioners of the Tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for each county; provided, that no member of the general assembly or the council, clergyman, practising attorney or physician, slieriff, clerk of the general or any county court, ordinary-keeper, mariner or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner or assessor.

Names of the
commissioners.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the following persons shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, to wit: For Saint-Mary's county, Messieurs Ignatius Fenwick, Robert Watts, John Debutts, Jeremiah Jordan and Robert Chesley; for Kent county, Messieurs James McLane, Robert Crookshanks, William Granger, Nathaniel Comegys and Oliver Smith; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs John Weems, Charles Wallace, John Brice,
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