

LV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the holder of any certificate for money borrowed by the public, or for allowances on the journal to public creditors, under the faith of the legislature of this state that the same, or the interest thereof, should be discounted for taxes, may, if he requests the same, have his tax imposed by this act discounted according to the engagement of the public; rating the money due for principal or interest discounted according to the value of the money when the certificate was given, such value to be ascertained by the scale of depreciation settled by the act to adjust the debts due from this state; and the holder of any certificate for grain, flour or other provisions, purchased or taken, or for vessels or carriages hired or impressed, or houses rented, under any act of assembly of this state, promising that the value or price should be discounted in payment of public taxes, may produce his certificate to the commissioners of the tax for his county, and the commissioners are to adjudge and endorse on the certificate the value of the freight, hire or rent aforesaid, or the market price in their county of the grain, flour or other provisions, mentioned therein, in current money, at the time the same was delivered or taken, and the holder of such certificate may have a discount of his tax imposed by this act, not exceeding the sum due thereon, according to the value ascertained by the endorsement, and the collector shall endorse such discount, and the date when made, on such certificate, and shall thereto subscribe his name.

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Holders may discount, &c.

LVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no collector shall have any allowance for any certificate, unless he will declare on oath, (to be administered by either of the treasurers,) that the said certificate was honestly and *bonâ fide* received or discounted in payment of the assessment due on the property in his county; and any collector swearing falsely in the premises shall be liable to the same prosecution and punishment as in other cases of wilful and corrupt perjury, and shall incur all the disabilities attending such infamous crime.

Collectors to declare on oath, &c.

LVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the allowance to any assessor, and to the commissioners and their clerk, shall be discharged in wheat at five shillings and three-pence per bushel, or may be discounted in their assessment, and the commission to the receivers of specifics shall be paid in wheat or flour at the price limited in this act, and the commission of the collectors shall be paid in gold or silver upon such sums as may be collected in gold or silver, and in tobacco upon the collections made in tobacco.

How assessors, &c. are to be paid, &c.

LVIII. WHEREAS the general assembly did engage to make provision for the punctual payment of interest on the debts due from the public, BE IT ENACTED, That so much of the money and specific articles collected in virtue of this act as may be necessary, shall be first applied, and is hereby appropriated and set apart, for the payment of one year's interest on such certificates as have been or shall be adjusted agreeable to the act relating to public creditors; and to ensure the punctual payment of one year's interest at the time when due, the governor and the council are requested, if a sufficient sum of gold or silver shall not be in the public treasury, to direct that as much tobacco, wheat or flour, as may be necessary to pay one year's interest on such certificates, to be sold for that purpose, and the general assembly will provide for the constant and punctual payment of the annual interest, until the principal sum shall be discharged.

Money, &c. to be first applied, &c.

LIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the coin received in virtue of this act, or continental bank notes, if to be procured, (not exceeding one fifth of the whole assessment,) be remitted to the continental treasury for the payment of the army, and that the residue be appropriated to discharge the civil list, and in such other manner as the general assembly shall direct.

Coin, &c. to be remitted, &c.

LX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council may sell the wheat, or direct it to be manufactured and sell the flour, and they may sell the tobacco and pork, as they may judge most for the interest of the state.

Wheat, &c. to be sold, &c.

LXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Mr. Frederick Green, printer, according to his agreement with the house of delegates, shall print, and stich in blue paper covers, seven hundred and fifty copies of this act, and make the same up into eighteen parcels of thirty-six copies, directed to the commissioners named in this act for the several counties; and each commissioner shall keep one of the said copies for his own use, and the others shall, by the said commissioners, be distributed to the assessors in their respective counties; which parcels the said printer shall endorse for the public service, and deliver to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, on or before the tenth day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, under the penalty of twenty-pounds, and the several sheriffs are hereby required to forward them in the same manner as public letters; and the printer shall deliver the residue of said copies to the clerks of the senate and house of delegates.

Copies to be printed, &c.