

appear so to be done, or if any such suit shall be brought after the time limited, then the jury shall find for the defendant, and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or upon demurrer judgment shall be given, against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant hath for costs of suit in other cases at law.

XLII. 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.

Holders may discount, &c.

XLIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no collector shall have any allowance for any certificate, or bank note, unless he will declare on oath, (to be administered by either of the treasurers,) that the said certificate or bank note was honestly and *bona 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.

XLIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collector of the tax shall deliver to each person chargeable with property in their respective counties a copy of the amount of their property, with the rate thereon, on or before the first day of October next, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money.

And deliver an account, &c.

XLV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all that part of an act of assembly, entitled, (a) An act for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles, which relates to the laying, imposing and collecting duties on any goods, wares or merchandises, imported, whether enumerated in said act or not enumerated, be and is hereby continued, and shall remain in full force for and during one year, unless the duty of five *per cent.* shall be granted to congress by the several states, and shall sooner take place.

Part of an act continued, &c.

(a) November, 1782, ch. 26.

XLVI. 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 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 the general assembly will provide for the constant and punctual payment of the annual interest, until the principal shall be discharged.

Interest to be paid, &c.

XLVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the coin received in virtue of this act, or continental bank notes, if to be procured, (not exceeding one half 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.

XLVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Mr. Frederick Green, printer, according to his agreement with the house of delegates, shall print, and stitch in blue paper covers, five hundred copies of this act, and make up into eighteen parcels of twenty-seven copies each, 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 delegates and justices of the peace 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,

Copies to be printed, &c.