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already, under particular laws, received provisions adequate to the said half pay; and if the said particular provisions are not adequate to the said half pay, then such deficiency shall be paid as aforesaid to the widows and children as aforesaid.

To be charged.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said sums shall be charged to the United States.

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Passed 8th of
March, 1786.

An ACT to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 684.

Preamble.

WHEREAS this general assembly, being fully satisfied of the great inequality that has hitherto taken place in the valuation of lands between the several counties of this state, and impressed with the necessity of preventing the like injustice in future, have determined to ascertain by law the average value by the acre of the land in the several counties of this state;

Average value
of lands, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the average of land by the acre in the several counties be as follows, to wit: In Kent county at thirty-three shillings and nine-pence, in Prince-George's county at thirty-one shillings and six-pence, in Baltimore county at twenty-nine shillings and three-pence, in Frederick, Charles, Harford, Anne-Arundel, Queen-Anne's, Talbot and Cecil counties, at twenty-seven shillings, in Montgomery, Saint-Mary's, Calvert, Dorchester and Somerset counties, at twenty-four shillings and nine-pence, in Washington county at twenty-two shillings and six-pence, (a) in Worcester county at twenty shillings and three-pence, and in Caroline county at fifteen shillings and nine-pence, current money.

(a) By November, 1792, ch. 71, sections 12, 13, the average value of the lands by the acre in Allegany county, (which had been created out of Washington county,) was fixed at 4*s*, and the average value of the lands in Washington county increased to 24*s*. That part of the act of 1792 is continued by 1797, ch. 89.

Assessment to
be imposed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the annual assessment for supplies be hereafter imposed on the several counties upon the amount of the land in each county, ascertained as aforesaid, at the average value as aforesaid, (b) and the value of the personal property in the several counties, ascertained as shall hereafter be directed by law; and Baltimore-town and its precincts, in Baltimore county, shall be considered and taken as separate and distinct from the said county, and shall not be taken into the valuation of property in the said county, and an annual assessment for supplies shall hereafter be imposed upon the said town distinct and separate from the said county, upon the value of the amount of all the lots and parcels of ground, houses, ground-rent and improvements, lands and real property, in the said town, as ascertained by this act, and the value of personal property in the said town, ascertained as hereafter shall be directed by law; and that the limits and bounds of Baltimore-town aforesaid and its precincts, for the purpose aforesaid, hereby are ascertained and established as follow, to wit: Beginning at the end of the east-south-east seventy perches line of a tract of land called Parker's Haven, and running thence with a straight line to the end of the third line of Carter's Delight, thence with a straight line to the beginning of Darley Hall, then with the two first lines of Darley Hall the whole length of the said lines, then with a straight line to the end of the east-north-east two hundred and seventy-eight perches line of Hap Hazard, then with a straight line to the beginning of Hap Hazard, then west-south-west twenty perches, then south unto the land called Georgia, then bounding on the lines of Georgia reverse unto the place where they first cross a small run that passes through a meadow in the land late of Charles Carroll, Esquire, barrister, and falls into the head of a cove in the land late of Richard Perkins, then running down the said run into the head of the said cove, then with the said cove, and bounding thereon and on the waters of the middle branch, to the Ferry Point on Patapsco river, thence with the waters of the said river, and of the north-west branch of the said river, to the mouth of Harris's creek, and thence with the waters of the said creek to the place of beginning; and all land, houses and improvements, within the said limits and bounds, shall be considered and taken, and hereby are declared to be, Baltimore-town and its precincts.

(b) By November, 1792, ch. 71, sections 14, 15, provisions are made for charging the lands in Allegany county with the public assessment, &c.

Property to be
valued separate,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the property within Baltimore-town and its precincts shall be valued and returned distinct from Baltimore county, and that commissioners of the tax shall be appointed for said town and its precincts separate from said county.

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