

C H A P.
LXXXVIII.

trusted with the collection of the public revenue, as to the execution of their several duties and offices.

To establish a
public arsenal,
&c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to establish a public arsenal at Frederick-town, in Frederick-county, for the reception of the public arms and accoutrements lately imported; and the governor and the council are requested to direct the lieutenants of the several counties, or the officers of the militia, to collect all the arms and ammunition, and military stores, belonging to the state in the hands of any of the inhabitants of their county, and any person having such arms, if he refuses to deliver the same when required, he shall forfeit five pounds current money; and all the arms and ammunition, and military stores, collected on the western shore, shall be conveyed to Frederick-town, and be there deposited and kept with the other public arms herein before mentioned; and all arms and ammunition, and military stores, collected on the eastern shore, shall be conveyed to Talbot-town, and be there deposited and kept in some fit and proper place to be provided for that purpose; and the governor and the council are authorized and requested to appoint an armourer at Frederick-town, and another at Talbot-town, to take charge of, and keep in constant repair and fit for use, all public arms and accoutrements to them respectively delivered; and the governor and the council may allow the said armourers such salary as they may think reasonable and proper; and the expence of collecting and conveying the public arms as above directed shall be paid by the public; and the governor and the council are also requested to direct the iron and brass cannon belonging to this state to be put in some proper place to be preserved and kept in order, and fit for service.

By November, 1788, ch. 38, the governor and council were empowered to draw on the treasurer in favour of persons having claims for services, or on contracts under this act.

And to receive
proposals, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and the council be requested to receive from the agent of this state respecting bank stock any proposals of measures by him to be executed concerning the said stock, and if they approve his proposals, and think the adoption thereof will be for the advantage of the state, they are hereby authorized and requested to empower and instruct him to carry such measures into execution, the said agent being always subject to their advice, instructions and control.

Powers may be
exercised, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and any of the powers vested by this act in the governor and council may be exercised by any three or more of them, the governor always being present and having a vote.

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Passed 12th of
March, 1786.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Lib. TBH.

No. B. fol. 77.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts and list of debts, that there is now due from this state the sum of twelve thousand five hundred and twenty-four pounds seven shillings and seven-pence current money;

Treasurer to
pay, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the journal of accounts aforesaid.

Creditors may
receive certifi-
cates, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all or any of the public creditors on the journal may have their election to receive a certificate or certificates, bearing an interest of six *per cent. per annum*, from the treasurer of the western shore, signed by him, and expressing the sum of current money due to such creditor or creditors, which shall be discounted by the collector in payment of the taxes due on the present assessment acts, or on any future assessments; or, if not so discounted, the treasurer of the western or eastern shore shall receive the said certificates, and pay the money due thereon to the bearer, out of the money now in the treasury, or which may hereafter be brought into the treasury by taxes or otherwise.