

main and be in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act for the speedy application of the monies appropriated for repairing the streets in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the twenty-fifth day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, (s) be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of the night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the fifth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, (t) be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act to ascertain officers fees in special courts, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the tenth day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, (v) be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the seventh day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, (w) and a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the seventh day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, (x) and an act continuing the act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and the supplementary act thereto, and for establishing an inspection of tobacco at George-town, in Montgomery county, and an inspection of tobacco in the city of Annapolis, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the sixth day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, (y) be and they are hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force to the end of the next annual session of assembly; that another act of assembly, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and to suspend the erecting of the public buildings in Caroline county, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis the tenth day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, (z) be and is hereby continued, and shall remain and be in full force for and during the term of three years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

(s) April, 1782, ch. 39. (t) 1784, ch. 69. (v) May, 1781, ch. 24. (w) 1785, ch. 61. (x) 1785, ch. 62. (y) 1786, ch. 39. (z) April, 1787, ch. 32.

C H A P XXXIX.

An ACT for better securing the payment of imposts and duties imposed by law, and securing the persons of officers from violence in or for the execution of their offices. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 389.

Passed 17th of Dec. 1787.

WHEREAS goods, chargeable by law with imposts and duties, are often run, under the expectation that the payment will be evaded if such goods escape seizure, which may induce those who risk them to use violence for their preservation, when their artful contrivances fail to conceal them; and it is essential to good government that men should be under strong impressions of due punishment for violence committed on officers in or for the lawful execution of their offices;

Preamble.

IT BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an action may be maintained in the name of this state, wherein it shall be sufficient to declare for money had and received to the use of this state, for any imposts or duties on goods, wares or merchandise, hereafter imported or brought into this state, which shall not have been paid, or secured according to law; and the attorney-general, or other person prosecuting for the state, may waive any forfeiture or penalty concerning such goods, wares or merchandise, and examine the defendant himself as a witness in the suit; and any person or persons importing or bringing into this state any such goods, wares or merchandise, by land or by water, either personally, or by his or their servants, or others employed by him or them, or having such goods, wares or merchandise, consigned to him or them, or purchasing the same, knowing the imposts or duties were not paid, or secured according to law, shall be chargeable in such action; provided, that there shall be but one satisfaction of the duties or imposts on the same goods, wares or merchandise; provided the remedy given by this act shall not hinder any subsisting remedy, but shall be additional thereto, and that any action for the recovery of the said duties or imposts shall be commenced within three years next after the cause thereof shall have accrued.

An action may be maintained, &c.

This section has ceased to have any operation since the adoption of the general government.