

C H A P. XI, XII.

Two thousand pounds to be applied in erecting salt works, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, for a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds, and to apply the same, or so much as they may think necessary, in erecting salt works in such part or parts of this state as they may think most proper, and to employ a manager, and to direct any quantity made to be sold and distributed in the several counties, in proportion to the number of inhabitants in each county, allowing a peck to each person for the year.

Bounties allowed to private adventurers for making salt.

XX. And be it enacted, That the following bounties be allowed to private adventurers, (to whom no money has been or shall be advanced by the public) who shall before the first day of *February* next make salt within this state, to wit: For fifty bushels the sum of five pounds, for one hundred bushels ten pounds, for two hundred bushels twenty pounds, and for five hundred bushels fifty pounds, and the treasurer of either shore shall pay the said bounties to any person bringing a certificate expressing the quantity, and the place and time when and where made, from the court of the county wherein the salt shall be made.

Premium for making 1000 bushels.

XXI. And be it enacted, That a premium of two hundred pounds shall be paid by either of the treasurers to the first person, to whom no money has been or shall be advanced by the public, who shall produce a certificate from any county court of this state, of his having made one thousand bushels of salt within this state, before the first day of *February* next.

Money to be advanced for erecting salt works, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for any sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, to be advanced by them in any sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds to any one adventurer, who they shall think fit and trusty, and who will enter into bond with security, faithfully and without delay to apply the same in erecting salt works within this state, and to repay the same without interest after one year from the advance.

Continuance.

XXIII. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of one year, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said one year.

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An ACT for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the recovery of small debts in the county courts is attended with heavy expence to the suitors, and the jurisdiction of one justice of the peace by the law heretofore made, not being sufficiently extended for the conveniency and benefit of the people,

Where any debt doth not exceed 3 l. sterling, &c. any one justice may give judgment, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of *August* next, in all cases where the real debt or damage doth not exceed three pounds sterling, five pounds common money, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of each respective county wherein

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