

C H A P.
III, IV.Seven of the
trustees may
meet, &c.

II. Be it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any seven or more of the said trustees, with or without the president, shall be, and are hereby empowered to meet at the said school, from time to time, and they, or the major part of them so met, may do any act, matter, or thing, which the said president and trustees might do, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is absolutely necessary to provide cloathing for our quota of troops now or hereafter to be raised,

The governor
and council
to appoint
persons to
purchase
blankets, &c.

II. Be it enacted, That the governor and the council be and are hereby authorised and empowered to appoint a proper and discreet person, in each county, to purchase, at such liberal prices as they shall limit, blankets, shoes, stockings, hats, coarse woollens, with proper trimmings, and linen and other cloathing fit for soldiers; that the persons so nominated and appointed have power to appoint assistants.

Certificate to
be given to
the owner,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That a certificate, signed by the principal, or by the assistant, and countersigned by the principal, expressing the number or quantity, and price or value, of the articles purchased, be given to the owner, which value shall be ascertained, either by agreement, or by the oath of some indifferent and reputable person, to be called in and sworn by the principal or assistant, who are hereby authorised and empowered to administer such oath.

Persons may
be required to
give account
on oath, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the principal or assistant may require any person to give an account on oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, of such of the aforesaid articles as he or she hath in his or her possession, and shall be requested to sell; and if any person so requested shall refuse to give such account on oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist, or dunker, he or she shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds common money.

Principal to
give informa-
tion of per-
sons refusing,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said principal, or assistant, shall, and they are hereby directed to give information to such county court, of all such persons who shall refuse as aforesaid, under the penalty of five pounds for every neglect.

Owners re-
fusing to spare
such articles,
two neigh-
bours to be
called in, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That if the owner of any of the articles above specified, on oath or affirmation, shall refuse to spare such part thereof as the principal or assistant may think may be spared, without distress to the family of the person so refusing, the principal or his assistant shall summon two indifferent and reputable neighbours (who in case of disagreement shall call in a third) to determine, on oath, as well the value as what of the aforesaid articles such person can spare, without distressing such person, his, or her family; and the principal, or assistant, may take the articles so ascertained and valued, giving a certificate as aforesaid therefor.

VII. And