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tons, at the rate of fifty shillings per day; and where the tonnage shall be above thirty-five tons, at the rate of one shilling and eight-pence per ton, per day, till such boat or vessel shall be discharged, and after such discharge, every such owner shall be paid in the proportion aforesaid for every day such boat or vessel shall be in returning back, allowing a day for every thirty miles from the place of discharge.

Carriages, &c.
to be impress-
ed.

XIII. And be it enacted, That all carriages, teams and drivers, boats and hands, shall be impressed by application to a magistrate, agreeable to the directions of the act of assembly, entitled, An act to expedite the march of troops in and through this state; and that all carriages, teams and drivers, or boats and hands, impressed under the authority of the above recited act, or of any other act heretofore made, shall be paid for at the rates above specified, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Governor and
council may
order boats,
&c. to be hi-
red or im-
pressed, &c.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council shall have full power and authority to cause boats under fifteen tons burthen, and hands, to be hired or impressed, and may allow or direct the agent in each county to allow such reasonable rates for the same as they may judge proper, having regard to all circumstances, and the rates already fixed by this act.

Agent may
give certifi-
cates, &c.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the agent or his assistant in each county may purchase any of the above articles on the credit of this state, and shall and may give certificates payable at the end of three months, or such other time as may be agreed upon, not exceeding the rates above specified, duplicates of which certificates shall and are hereby required to be lodged with the governor and council, and such certificate shall and may be discountable at the option of the holder out of the public assessment.

Oath of agent
and assistants.

XVI. And be it enacted, That such principal agent and his assistants in each county, shall be persons who have taken the oath of allegiance to this state, and shall before they enter on the execution of their trust, respectively take the following oath before some magistrate of the county wherein he or they reside, viz. " I, A. B. do swear, that
" as agent for purchasing provisions for the continental army within
" the county of _____ I will well and faithfully demean myself,
" and execute the trust reposed in me with diligence and impartiality,
" according to the directions of an act of the general assembly,
" entitled, An act for the service of the United States."

Continuance.

XVII. This act to continue until the tenth day of June next, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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An ACT to direct the recording of a deed to John Raifin. (*A private act.*)

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