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the general court may fine every such delinquent, according to their discretion, not exceeding two hundred pounds current money; and whenever any jurors or witnesses shall be legally summoned to attend the respective county courts, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear and attend as required by the summons, every such delinquent may be fined by the justices of the respective county courts any sum not exceeding one hundred pounds current money.

Fine on constables, &c. neglecting to act.

III. *Be it enacted*, That whenever any person shall be appointed a constable or overseer of the high-way by any county court, and shall refuse or neglect to act according to such appointment, he shall be fined by the justices of the respective county courts any sum not exceeding one hundred pounds current money aforesaid.

Continuance.

IV. This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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An ACT for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS all endeavours to enhance the common price of merchandise or the necessaries of life, and all practices for that purpose, ought to be restrained as far as possible, and the wicked arts and avarice of forestallers and engrossers in this state having hitherto eluded the salutary laws made to punish and prevent such grievous and oppressive practices:

Persons buying goods, &c. coming to market, &c. adjudged guilty of forestalling, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person shall buy, or cause to be bought, any goods, wares, or merchandise, coming to any market or fair within this state, to be sold in such market or fair, or coming to any city, town, port, harbour, haven, or creek, within this state, to be sold, or shall make any bargain, contract, or promise, for the having or buying of any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any part thereof, so coming as aforesaid, before the same shall be in the market, fair, city, town, port, harbour, haven, or creek, ready there to be sold, or shall induce any person coming to this state, or to any market or fair therein, to abstain or forbear to bring any goods, wares, or merchandise, to this state or any part thereof, shall be adjudged a forestaller, and on conviction thereof in the general or any county court, shall be fined by the court not exceeding five thousand pounds, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court. Provided that the buying any goods, wares, or merchandise, coming to market, by any person for the use and consumption of himself or family for a year, shall not be deemed forestalling.

Persons not to buy to sell again, except from the original importer, &c.

III. *And be it enacted*, That if any person within this state shall buy to sell again within this state, or in any of the adjoining states, any butter, beef, pork, cotton, wool, flax, woollens, hemp, tallow, raw hides, tanned leather, shoes, or salt, of the produce or growth of, or raised or manufactured in, this state, or if any person within this state shall