

M A R Y L A N D, N O V E M B E R, 1779.

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An A C T for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis. (*A private act.*)

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An A C T to empower the governor and the council to sell the public property therein mentioned.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and requested to sell, or cause to be sold, at public or private sale, all the gallies belonging to this state, and such part of the naval stores belonging thereto as they in their discretion may think proper; and also such of the military stores as they may judge necessary, reserving only such part of the said military stores as may be necessary for the use of the militia; and also all the saltpetre, salt-pans, kettles, and other utensils for manufacturing salt or saltpetre, belonging to this state, whether in the public stores, or in the hands of contractors or others; and such of the horses, waggons, harness, and geers, belonging to this state, as they may judge it for the interest of the state to sell.

Governor and council to sell the gallies, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the governor and council be empowered and requested to pay off and discharge all the officers, mariners, and marines, belonging to the gallies, and to discharge and discontinue, as unnecessary, the two quarter-masters, surgeon, and paymaster; and also to discontinue and discharge the manager of the state tan-yard, and if they judge it conducive to the interest and benefit of this state, to sell and dispose of the interest of this state in the said tan-yard, or if they think proper to keep the said tan-yard, to appoint a fit and proper person to take care of and carry on the same, to fix the salary of the person so appointed, to direct the manner of keeping the books and accounts of the same, and to call on such manager, at stated periods, for an account of his proceedings therein.

To discharge the officers, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be requested to incorporate and attach (as soon as they can conveniently) the matrosses now in the service of this state, in some of the companies of matrosses from this state now in the continental army; which said companies, when so incorporated and attached, shall be entitled to the same pay, rations, cloathing, and other benefits, that the matrosses of this state in the continental army are entitled to.

To incorporate the matrosses, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the governor and council be empowered and requested to appoint fit and proper persons to take care of such cannon and military stores as they may direct to be retained for the use of this state:

And to appoint persons to take care of the cannon, &c.

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