

VII. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council shall appoint a commissary for purchases in each county of this state, and such commissary shall and may, at any time antecedent to the last day of September next, receive from any person or persons, inhabiting or residing within his county, and liable to pay the above assessment; the following articles of provision in lieu of such tax, that is to say, beef on the hoof at the rate of ninety pounds per hundred, wheat at the rate of twenty-two pounds ten shillings per bushel, wheat flour in barrels at the rate of sixty-seven pounds ten shillings per hundred, with an allowance of five pounds for the cask, and a receipt from the said commissary of beef on the hoof, wheat or wheat flour in barrels to the amount of his or her assessment, shall be a sufficient discharge to the sheriff or collector for the said assessment, or for the amount of such receipt in part thereof, and the said commissary shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint proper mills or store houses for the receipt of said wheat and flour, and also proper places for the keeping said cattle so delivered on the hoof as aforesaid, and shall forward the same by order of the governor and council, or general assembly, to the use of the continental army.

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Governor and council may appoint a commissary, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That where the sheriff is obliged to execute the person or property for nonpayment of the above rate, distress shall be made only in money, and not otherwise.

Sheriff to execute in money only.

IX. And be it enacted, That the several sheriffs or collectors shall pay into the public treasury, by the twentieth day of October, all the money and tobacco arising on said collection, and in case of failure, shall be liable to pay twenty per cent. interest on the money or tobacco, and each collector shall be allowed a commission of four per cent. on all money or tobacco, and the commissary of purchases a commission of four per cent. on the value of all beef, wheat, or wheat flour, collected and delivered, or paid, in virtue of this act.

Collector to pay into the treasury by Oct. 20, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That certificates heretofore issued for provisions shall and may be taken by the several sheriffs or collectors, in discharge of the several sums of money, or either of them, imposed by virtue of this act.

Certificates may be taken, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council shall be, and are hereby, authorized and requested to lay out any of the money arising from the said collection in the purchase of hay, also of beef or tobacco, as the case may require, so as to comply fully with the requisition of congress of the twenty-fifth of February last.

Governor and council to purchase hay, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That all other monies, collected in virtue of this act, shall be subject to the order of the governor and council, for public purposes, and amongst others for the punctual payment of interest on money borrowed by this state.

Money collected subject to the order of the governor and council, &c.