

C H A P.  
XXVI.

Joshua Jarden, William Leitch, Charles Anders, senior, Charles Anders, junior, John Nicholasson, Greenbury Beeit, Ignatius Pigman, William Siffil, Otho Haland, Amon Riggs, Dent Summers, Francis Williams, Samuel Hobs, of Samuel, and Charles Hobs, of Montgomery county; John Auld and John Helsby, of Talbot county; Lawrence Stull, Benjamin Durbin, Emmanuel Brewer, Jacob Ackerman, Thomas Holmes, John Williams, Jonathan Covill, Adam Lemmon, John Hindmarch, Philip Derry, Bolcher Derry, Peter Derry, George Harter, Adam Harter, Lodowick Bricker, John Philips, John Spuhn, Benjamin Norris, Elias Majors, Christian Bower, Henry Griffith Dorsey, William Easthap, Godfrey Hisser, George Main, Casper Myer, Thomas Reynolds, John Hauman, Jacob Stayley, Michael Razaler, Henry Roddy, Henry Razaler, Martin Smith, George Adam Killenberger, Adam Smith, Christian Nicewanger, Daniel M'Cormick, Michael Luter, senior, Michael Luter, junior, Andrew Swartz, Bazil Dorsey, William Dorsey, Josiah Dorsey, Charles Dorsey, Edward Dorsey, Joshua Hobbs, Joseph Hobbs, Leonard Hobbs, Greenbury Hobbs, John Craten, Josiah Harrison, son of William, William Cain, William Babbs, John M'Ilfish, senior, Philip M'Ilfish, John M'Ilfish, junior, Philip Harden, Michael Mosfater, Christian Mosfater, Andrew Buzard, John Plaster, Adeini Clary, John Arnold, Peter Arnold, David Arnold, John Selman, Joseph West, Plummer, Joseph West, Joseph Darby, Jacob Herd, Richard Gassaway, Benjamin Gassaway, Philip Derry, Benjamin Clary, junior, William Clary, Francis Davis, Peter Derry, Baltzer Derry, Aloysius Elder, William Hobbs, Arnold Newton, James Purtelfarthing, Jacob Herd, William Turner, James Cummings, Jacob Gilbert, Henry Counston, David Blant, Henry Young, Ezekiel Evans, Nathan Porter, John Campbell, John Cumstone, Jacob Cumstone, Samuel Danner, James Cole, Henry Young, Nathan Porter, Ezekiel Evans, David Plain, John Her, Thomas Wilson, Christopher Stull, Adam Blaney, Henry Griffith, Casper Boyer, John Ster, Christian Harter, Thomas Easthap, Henry Stayley, Isaac Keepers, Abraham Deaver, and Jacob Lemman, of Frederick county; have by their petitions to this general assembly set forth, that they have neglected to take the oath or affirmation of support and fidelity to this state, which by the act for the better security of the government they were enjoined to do, but that such neglect was not owing to a want of attachment to this state, or inclination to support the freedom and independence of America, but being ignorant of the duty they owe their country, they had been influenced by the advice and example of designing men; and the general assembly having taken the said petitions into consideration, and being moved and excited, by motives of compassion, to relieve them from the treble tax, now become very burthensome:

Persons mentioned relieved from the treble tax, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if each and every of the above mentioned petitioners shall, on or before the first day of September next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) of fidelity and support to this state, required by the act for the better security of the government, before some justice of the peace of his or their county or counties, and deliver a certificate thereof to the clerk of such county, who shall, and he is hereby directed to enrol the name or names of such person or persons in his book kept for that purpose, they shall from thenceforth be relieved from the treble tax, and all the incapacities, disabilities, and disqua-