

disqualifications, created and imposed by the act for the better security of the government, except the holding any office of trust or profit, and voting at any election, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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III. And, Whereas the following persons, to wit: Joshua Connelly, Michael Branson, Thomas Norris, and John Basil Norris, of Saint Mary's county; James Brewer, George Marchant, Samuel Cofden, John Browning, senior, and Charles Miller, junior, of Kent county; William Coc, George Gray, and Benjamin Brady, of Calvert county; Jacob Hooper, Adam Ferber, John Spittler, John Yingling, David Gorfuch, William Dukes, William Hammond, and Tego Tracy, of Baltimore county; Jacob Brown, John Tagart, William Mercer, John White, Benjamin Chandlee, Jesse Brown, Francis Foster, Elijah Churchman, Abner White, Jacob Keirk, Benjamin Chandlee, junior, William Rogers, Thomas Rogers, Samuel Rogers, and Andrew Farrett, of Cecil county; Elijah Robinson, of Charles county; George Froth, James Sangston, Thomas Sewell, Nathan Sewell, and Isaac Sangston, of Talbot county; James Yardley, Nathan Rogers, and James Seiners, of Queen-Anne's county; James Jackson, Clark Hollis, George Thornton, and Stephen Slaughter, of Caroline county; George Anderson, Henry Scaffs, John Watt, and John Norris, of Harford county; Andrew Blair, John Blair, James Blair, and Joseph Smith, of Washington county; James Fields, of Montgomery county; George Klem, John Mark, and John McGary, of Frederick county; have by their petitions to this general assembly set forth, that they, by sickness or other unavoidable accident, were prevented from taking the oath or affirmation of support and fidelity to this state, as by the act for the better security of the government they were enjoined to do; and the general assembly having taken the said petitions into consideration, finds the facts alleged in them to be true, and that the petitioners have a just title to the relief they pray for:

IV. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if each and every of the above last 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 pains, penalties, and disabilities whatsoever, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of free citizens of this state, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons mentioned relieved from all disabilities, &c.

V. Whereas the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, An act for the relief of certain nonjurors, was not printed and published, or transmitted at the same time with the other laws passed at said session, by which means many of the persons intended to be relieved by said act could not have timely notice of the intention of the legislature: