

MARYLAND, JUNE,

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VIII.

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall be, and are hereby, fully authorised and requested to apply to congress, and obtain from them new bills, sufficient to exchange for the continental bills that may be brought in, and shall cause the same to be signed, from time to time, as need may be, and safely kept in the custody of the commissioner for the continental loan-office, ready to be exchanged for such of the old bills as may be brought in, according to the directions of this act.

VI. And, For establishing an ample, permanent, and indubitable fund, for sinking one sixth part of the said new bills annually, after the first day of January next.

VII. Be it enacted, That between the first day of February and fifteenth day of March, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and between the first day of February and fifteenth day of March annually, in the five years next following, there shall be a valuation or estimate of all the property within this state, by assessors, in the mode now established and practised in this state, and for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, so to be ascertained, there shall be set and assessed one bushel of good merchantable wheat, or twenty-five pounds of merchantable tobacco, and after that rate for every greater or lesser sum, the payment to be made and enforced annually, in one or two payments, before the first of November, and the collection to be completed and payment made by the collectors into the treasury annually, before the first of December, the p^tion chargeable with the said tax to have the option to pay every bushel of wheat, or twenty-five pounds of tobacco, with one Spanish milled dollar, or one dollar of the said new bills; and the said tax in wheat or tobacco, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be inviolably appropriated for the sinking or redeeming one sixth part of the said new bills annually, after the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

Property to
be valued an-
nually, &c.

VIII. And, To remove all doubt as to the punctual redemption of the said new bills; and as a further fund:

IX. Be it enacted, That duties on exports and imports, and other rates, be imposed according to the following table, and shall be collected and paid as hereafter directed, viz. On all tobacco exported, per hogshead, five shillings. On marriage licences, twenty-five shillings. On ordinary licences, six pounds. On rum, brandy, gin, or other spirit, imported, per gallon, two-pence. On Madeira wine imported, per gallon, four-pence. On other wines imported, per gallon, two-pence. On registers for vessels, by the ton, one shilling. On all commissions and letters of marque or reprisal, ten pounds. On coffee imported, per hundred, one shilling. On loaf sugar imported, per hundred, one shilling and six-pence. On home made spirit from molasses or sugar, one penny. On home made spirit from grain, per gallon, one penny. On all billiard tables, per year, fifteen pounds. On negro slaves imported from other of the United States, unless by persons who come to reside in this state, fifteen pounds. On bar iron exported, per ton, fifteen shillings. On pig iron exported, per ton, three shillings and nine-pence. Also all fines, forfeitures, and amer- ciaments.

Table of du-
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