

Joseph Chalk, and Philip Durbin, of Frederick county; Emanuel Teale, Abraham Walker, Edward Teale, John Ford, John Huth, Charles Jessop, Nicholas Jessop, Charles Yeale, Beale Belt Wooden, Amon Haile, Afa Teale, William Jessop, junior, Henry Gitger, Frederick Fawble, Henry Oats; Anthony Noll, Peter Oats, Michael Retter, Philip Weaver, John Gettinger, Henry Gettinger, Barnet Houk, John Weaver, Peter Fauble, Henry Crottinger, Adam Vance, William Enfor, Stofel Getter, Paul Saller, Conrad Lippi, Henry Philip Feather, John Weaver, junior, Leonard Foreman, Stofil Fair, John Ritter, John Dixon Stansbury, John Cook, William Welsh, Henry Bennet Darnall, William Bishop, Giles Baker, Robert Trapp, Andrew Meguffen, Edmund George, John C. R. B. Boone, David Stansbury, James Boffel, and Nathaniel Stevens, of Baltimore county; Peter Stookey, of Washington county; Daniel M'Ginnis, Mark Cooper, and Vinson Pinkind, of Caroline county; Henry Hendrickson, and Hezekiah Wintgate, of Cæcil county; have by their petition 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 burthenfome:

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 October 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 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.

Persons mentioned relieved from the treble tax, &c.

III. And, Whereas the following persons, to wit: William Walls, Joseph Redgrave, and Isaac Redgrave, of Kent county; Daniel M'Henry, of Baltimore county; William Drake Pennington, of Cæcil county; and Balser Simmon, 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.

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