

eight hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars aforesaid, and if the whole be paid, the same shall be considered as fully discharged.

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An A C T to direct the recording and to give effect to a deed made by Philip Read and Anne his wife, of Saint Mary's county, to George Medley. (*A private act.*)

C H A P. XXI.

An A C T to procure a supply of salt meat for the use of the army.

W H E R E A S it is represented to this general assembly, that it is highly necessary to obtain a supply of bacon and other provisions of the salt meat kind, for the continental army: Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the governor and council be authorized and requested to cause salted provisions of the meat kind above-mentioned to be purchased in the several counties of this state, sufficient to comply with the late requisitions of congress and the committee of co-operation, and for that purpose shall have full power and authority to draw on the collectors of the respective counties, or may apply any money in the treasury, or may give certificates to those who will accept thereof, which certificates shall and may be discounted in the present or future assessments of the holders thereof, and shall bear an interest of six per cent. until paid or discounted. Governor and council to cause salt meat to be purchased, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the governor and council be requested to cause extracts from the letters of general Washington and the committee of co-operation to be printed in hand-bills, and transmitted, together with a printed copy of this act, to the commissary of purchases in each county, and such other zealous and known whigs as they may think proper, exhorting them by letter or otherwise to use their utmost endeavours to obtain supplies of salt provisions for the use of the army. Cause extracts of letters, &c. to be printed, &c.

IV. *And,* Whereas some avaricious or disaffected persons may refuse to part with their salted provisions, but at the most exorbitant rates, and the exigency of our affairs may be such, that it may become necessary to call forth all the powers of government to procure an immediate and ample supply:

V. *Be it enacted,* That the governor and council shall be vested with full power and authority to appoint one or more discreet persons in each county, to procure provisions of the salt meat kind, viz. bacon, salted pork, or beef in barrels, in the same manner and on the same terms they are by the laws of this state now in force, giving extraordinary powers to the governor and council, enabled to procure provisions of the bread kind, and they are hereby requested in case of emergency (but not otherwise) to exert those powers to the utmost extent thereof, to procure such provisions of the salt meat kind, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. To appoint persons to procure salt meat, &c.

VI. *And*