

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Edward Vandome, Sheriff of Worcester county, shall, and he is hereby empowered, immediately to collect so much of the said five pound tax and county rate as shall appear to be due, together with the interest of six per cent. thereon from the twenty-fifth day of March last past, by distress or sale of any property chargeable with the said five pound tax and county rate, of which sale five days notice, excluding the day of sale, shall be given; and that the said Edward Vandome, after deducting four per cent. for his trouble and expence of collection, shall account and pay to the representatives of John Selby, deceased, by the twentieth day of February next; the whole of the monies by him so collected, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government and by the resolves of convention. *vid C. 22 25400 Sterg more emitted, & all the paper passing made equal, except the Quota or Contin State Preamble. June 6. 8*

WHEREAS congress, on the eighteenth day of March last, recommended to the several states to bring into the continental treasury, by taxes or otherwise, their monthly quotas of fifteen million of dollars, from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty, to the first day of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-one inclusive; as apportioned by the resolution of the seventh day of October in the preceding year, and to provide that silver and gold should be received in payment of the said quotas, at the rate of one Spanish dollar in lieu of forty dollars of the said bills issued by congress: And whereas the general assembly of this state, from the peculiar situation and extreme exigency of public affairs, were of opinion, that it was expedient to adopt the said recommendation, and to comply with and carry the same into execution as far as possible, but that it was impracticable to call in, by taxes, within the said time limited, the sum required by congress, and to make provision, by taxes, for prosecuting the war; and therefore, to induce the possessors of the said bills voluntarily to bring in and exchange the same for the new bills, by an act passed last June session, did propose and offer to give the holders of the said bills the six tenths of the new bills, by the said resolve and plan of congress intended to be reserved for the use of this state: And whereas the holders of the said bills have not hitherto accepted the above offer of the general assembly, and there has been only the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand two hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty ninetieths brought in and exchanged agreeable to the said proposal of the general assembly: And whereas congress, by their resolve of the twenty-sixth day of August last, did earnestly recommend to the several states to take the most speedy and effectual measures in their power for drawing in their respective quotas of the continental bills of credit, to be destroyed, either by tax to be collected immediately, or by exchanging for them new bills, to be emitted pursuant to the act of the tenth day of March last, at a rate not less than forty of the former for one of the latter, so that the whole of the said new bills may be issued: And whereas considerable sums of money were emitted

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