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ployed in such service, two third parts thereof to the informer or informers, and the residue to the use of the state.

Persons may
seize Indian
corn, &c. car-
rying out,
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any person to seize any Indian corn, wheat, or wheat flour, or other provisions before mentioned, which he shall discover to be laden on board any vessel, or put in any waggon, cart, or other carriage, with intent to be transported or carried out of this state, or that shall be in any other manner carrying or removing out of the same as aforesaid, contrary to this act, and the vessel, or waggon, cart, or other carriage, employed in such service.

Governor and
council may
appoint per-
sons at the
Head of Elk,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be requested and empowered to appoint proper and active persons at the Head of Elk, and other places near the division line between this state and Pennsylvania and Delaware, to prevent any evasion or abuse of this act, and to stop or seize, as the case may require, any Indian corn, wheat or wheat flour, or other provision before mentioned, liable to be stopped or seized.

Proviso.

VI. Provided always, That this act, or any thing herein contained, shall not prevent, or be construed to prevent, the carriage or removal of any Indian corn, wheat, wheat flour, or any kind of provision, for the use of the United States, by persons properly authorized for that purpose; and provided also, that the governor and the council may permit any person residing in Pennsylvania or Delaware, who has landed property in this state, and raises Indian corn, wheat, or flesh provision, thereon, to draw such quantity of Indian corn, wheat or wheat flour, or flesh provision, from his farm, as he may want for the subsistence of his family, such person, previously to the obtaining such permission, making oath (or affirmation, if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) that the same is wanted for the use of his family, and for no other purpose.

Governor and
council may
stop vessels,
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be empowered, at such time or times as they may think necessary, by their order, to stop in the river Patapsco, or any other place, all vessels and craft, for any time not exceeding ten days.

Continuance.

VIII. This act to continue and be in force until the first day of February seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

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Private

An ACT for the relief of William Merritt, late collector of the assessment in Kent county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS William Merritt hath represented to this general assembly, that he could not complete his collection of the public assessment for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine within the times limited by law, by reason of the inclemency of the weather and the long and extreme illness and indisposition of himself and deputy, together with the inability of the people to pay their assessments punctually, occasioned by the shortness of the crops and other causes, whereby he has become chargeable with the

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