

Atlin, Thomas Wheatly, Zachariah Sank, John Stuller, Thomas Butler, John Scarffson of John, William Erwin, John Wethers, Samuel Watkins, Hugh Brody Lynch, James Elliott, junior, James Elliott, senior, John Elliott, William Elliott, William Robinson, Abraham Wright, Solomon Wright, Isaac Huyer, John Wether, Matthias Lynch, Luke Johnson, George James, John Stansbury, Benjamin Riffen, and William Price, of Baltimore 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 through ignorance of its being a duty they owed to their country; and the general assembly having taken the said petitions into consideration, and being excited by motives of compassion to relieve them from the treble tax, now become burthensome:

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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 May 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. Whereas it appears, that the laws for the relief of certain nonjurors, passed last March and June sessions, did not get to several of the counties time enough for some of those relieved therein to comply with the same:

IV. *Be it enacted,* That if each and every of the persons intended to be relieved by the acts, entitled, An act for the relief of certain nonjurors, passed last March and June sessions, who hath not already complied with the same, shall take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or affirmation (as the case may be) of support to this state, and do in all things fulfil and comply with the directions of the acts aforesaid, on or before the first day of May next, such person or persons shall be entitled to the relief intended to be given by the said acts, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Time for taking the oath by persons relieved under former acts extended.

V. *And,* Whereas Benedict Calvert, of Prince-George's county, by his petition to this general assembly, hath represented, that in order to avail himself of the indulgence granted at the last session of assembly to nonjurors, he had offered ten horses, being a number proportionate to his property, which were refused, as unfit for the public service; he therefore prays, that he may be now permitted to furnish such horses as may be fit for the service, or other property to the value thereof:

VI. *Be*