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and assessment, and in case of neglect or refusal, his bond shall be liable, as is by the said act directed.

Warehouses
to be supplied
with notes,
&c.

XI. And be it enacted, That Mr. Frederick Green, printer, do supply the several and respective warehouses with blank crop and transfer books, notes and manifests, and that each of the inspectors do pay to him, or his order, the sum of three pounds in specie, or bills of credit at their passing value, and charge the same in their accounts, which they are directed to settle with the courts of their respective counties annually.

Part of an act
repealed.

XII. And be it enacted, That so much of the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, which directs an oath or affirmation to be administered to skippers of vessels, in the thirty-first section of the said act, is hereby repealed.

Continuance.

XIII. This act shall continue and be in force for one year, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

1781 Nov. 7. end of next session, 1782 Apr. 28. end of next sess: 1782 Nov. 22. 2^d 1783 April 30. 1783 Nov. 30. - 1 year - 1784 c 23. End of next session
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An ACT to empower the delegates of this state in congress to subscribe and ratify the articles of confederation.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it hath been said, that the common enemy is encouraged, by this state not acceding to the confederation, to hope that the union of the sister states may be dissolved, and therefore prosecutes the war in expectation of an event so disgraceful to America, and our friends and illustrious ally are impressed with an idea, that the common cause would be promoted by our formally acceding to the confederation: This general assembly, conscious that this state hath from the commencement of the war strenuously exerted herself in the common cause, and fully satisfied, that if no formal confederation was to take place, it is the fixed determination of this state to continue her exertions to the utmost, agreeable to the faith pledged in the union, from an earnest desire to conciliate the affection of the sister states, to convince all the world of our unalterable resolution to support the independence of the United States, and the alliance with His Most Christian Majesty, and to destroy for ever any apprehension of our friends or hope in our enemies of this state being again united to Great-Britain:

Delegates in
congress to
subscribe the
confederati-
on, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the delegates of this state in congress, or any two or three of them, shall be and are hereby empowered and required, on behalf of this state, to subscribe the articles of confederation and perpetual union between the states of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-bay, Rhode-island and Providence plantations, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, signed in the general congress of the said States by the honourable Henry Laurens, Esquire, their then president, and laid before the legislature of this state to be ratified, if approved; and that the said articles of confederation and perpetual union, so as aforesaid subscribed, shall thenceforth be ratified and become conclusive as to
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