

this state, and obligatory thereon: **And it is hereby declared,** That by acceding to the said confederation, this state doth not relinquish, or intend to relinquish, any right or interest she hath with the other United or Confederated States to the back country, but claims the same as fully as was done by the legislature of this state in their declaration which stands entered on the journals of congress, this state relying on the justice of the several states hereafter, as to the said claim made by this state: **And it is further declared,** That no article in the said confederation can or ought to bind this or any other state to guarantee any exclusive claim of any particular state to the soil of the said back lands, or any such claim of jurisdiction over the said lands, or the inhabitants thereof.

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An ACT to compel the payment of the taxes in Somerset *local* county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Preamble: several of the disaffected inhabitants of Somerset county have refused to pay any public taxes for some time past:

II. **Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to order a company of militia from Dorchester county, of one hundred privates, under a spirited and brave officer, to march into Pocomoke and Anne-messex hundreds in Somerset county, and be there stationed until the public taxes due in those hundreds are collected, or until they are relieved; and the collector of Somerset county is hereby directed immediately thereafter, with the aid of the said company, to proceed to collect all public taxes due in the said hundreds, with an addition of one third added to the sum due for depreciation; and the lieutenant of Somerset county shall also attend, and, if need be, call forth any militia of his county to assist the aforesaid company in compelling a collection of the taxes; and in case any person shall resist the collector, such person shall be seized, and sent under guard to the governor and council, to be by them committed to close gaol, there to remain for trial at the next general court; and the collector shall immediately thereupon collect all the taxes which will be due on the tenth day of April next from such person, agreeable to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, according to the last assessment on their property; and the collector may remove any goods seized by him to any other county for sale.

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III. **And be it enacted,** That all the expence attending the marching and pay of the said company of militia, to enforce the collection of the taxes, shall be paid by the persons in Somerset county who have refused to pay their taxes; and the lieutenant and commissioners of the tax of Somerset county, with two or more of the field officers of the said county, shall adjust the expence and apportion the same on the property of the persons aforesaid; and the collector, with the assistance of the said militia, shall immediately proceed to collect the same by distress and sale, or execution of the persons of those who have refused to pay their public taxes; provided that the commissioners of the tax

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