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An ACT relating to the treble tax imposed on nonjurors and absentees.

Treble tax remitted, &c.  
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**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treble tax which nonjurors were liable to pay, and which has been heretofore suspended by the several acts of assembly, shall be and is hereby remitted, and the said nonjurors are hereby for ever discharged therefrom; and the treble tax which nonjurors will be liable to pay under the act of this session to raise the supplies for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, shall be collected from such nonjurors, unless the commissioners of the tax where such nonjuror resides, or where his property is taxed, shall be fully satisfied, and in their judgment and conscience believe, that the neglect of such nonjuror to take the oath or affirmation required by the act for the better security of the government, did not proceed from attachment to Great-Britain, or disaffection to this state or its independence, but from scruples of conscience only; in which case the commissioners may direct the collector to suspend the collection of the said treble tax from such nonjuror, and shall report the name of such person and his case to the next general assembly.

To be collected on absentees, &c.  
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**II.** And be it enacted, That the treble tax, which absentees are liable to pay under the act for the better security of the government, shall be duly collected, and the justices of the several county courts shall make diligent enquiry after such absentees, and return their names (if not already done) to the governor and council; and the collectors of the several counties shall levy the same treble tax on the property of all absentees liable to pay the same, under the penalty of being answerable therefor in case of neglect, with an interest of ten per cent.

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Private

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Beall, of Washington county.

Preamble,

**W**H E R E A S the said Thomas Beall, by his petition to this general assembly, hath set forth, that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-two, he borrowed of the public one thousand dollars in bills of credit; that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six he was appointed captain of a company of infantry in the service of the United States, and continued in the service to the present time, at different and distant posts in this and the adjacent states, and was thereby prevented from paying proper attention to his private affairs, and neglected to avail himself of the benefit of the tender law; that the United States are in arrears to him for fourteen or fifteen months service, and his former pay was discharged in continental currency, as of the value of gold and silver; that on a settlement of an old account against the state by the auditor-general, there is now due to him a sum nearly equal to the money by him borrowed of the state, and therefore prayed relief; and the above facts appearing to this general assembly to be true,

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