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aforsaid, may, after examination and conviction, cause such spy to be hanged by the neck until he be dead.

V. **And**, Whereas many of our internal enemies may join, or attempt or prepare to join, the enemy voluntarily :

Any person joining the enemy &c. to be tried as a spy, &c.

VI. **Be it enacted**, That if any person shall voluntarily join, or attempt or prepare to join, the enemy, so that the intention to join the enemy be fully proved, or shall enlist, or persuade or urge any person to enlist, in or for the service of the enemy, or to take any oath of allegiance or of support to the king of Great-Britain, such person shall be tried, and subject to be tried and executed, in the same manner as if he was a spy.

Continuance.

VII. This act to continue until the end of the next session of assembly.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT to continue and explain the powers vested in the special council appointed on the eastern shore.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is the utmost reason to believe, that the enemy design to make Virginia and Maryland the seat of war this present summer, and the intercourse between the two shores may be very precarious, and the citizens of this state on the eastern shore may be thereby in a manner disabled from repelling the invasion, or vigorously defending their country, unless one legal general pervading power, near the scene of action, should be established, to draw out their united force against the common enemy :

A special council appointed, &c.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, William Paca, Josiah Poik, Richard Tilghman Earle, and William Bruff, Esquires, shall be and are hereby appointed and continued a special council on the eastern shore, and that they, or any three or more of them, may and are hereby required to use and exercise all and singular the powers on the eastern shore, that the governor and the council now or hereafter may exercise, according to law, in this state, subject to the controul of the governor and council, and that the said special council shall continue and exercise such powers until the end of the next session of assembly, and no longer.

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT for the relief of certain nonjurors.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Everton Kenerly, Benjamin Atkinson, James West, and William Kenerly, of Somerset county, did neglect to take the oath of fidelity and support to this state within the time limited by the act for the better security of government, but have since taken the said oath, and demeaned themselves peaceably, and as faithful subjects :

Names of persons relieved, &c.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if the said Everton Kenerly, Benjamin Atkinson, James West, and William Kenerly,