

Kenerly, or each and every of them, shall, on or before the first day of September next, deliver a certificate, signed by some justice of Somerset county, of his or their having taken, repeated, and subscribed, the oath of fidelity and support to this state required by the act for the better security of the government, to the clerk of such county, who is hereby required 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 aforesaid, except the holding any office of profit or trust, and voting at any election, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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III. And, Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that Jesse Tomlinson, of Washington county, did take the oath of fidelity and support to this state, within the time limited by law, before a person who pretended to have an authority, but being afterwards informed, that said person was not duly qualified, he applied to a magistrate, who refused to administer the same, as the time was expired, but being deeply impressed with a sense of his country's sufferings, and anxious to manifest his attachment thereto; in consideration whereof,

IV. Be it enacted, That if the said Jesse Tomlinson shall, on or before the first day of September next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath 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 Washington county, and deliver a certificate thereof to the clerk of said county, who shall, and he is hereby directed to enrol the name of the said Jesse Tomlinson in his book kept for that purpose, he shall from thenceforth be relieved from the treble tax, and all pains, penalties, and disabilities, whatsoever, and shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of a free citizen of this state, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Tomlinson
relieved, &c.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT to raise two battalions of militia for reinforcing the continental army, and to complete the number of select militia.

WHEREAS it hath been earnestly recommended by congress to call forth two battalions of militia in this state, for the purpose of aiding and assisting our friends, now actually invaded, in the southern states, and this present general assembly have thought it reasonable and necessary to comply with the said recommendation:

Preamble.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That thirteen hundred and forty effective men, to compose the non-commissioned officers and privates of two battalions of militia, to be officered according to the resolutions of congress of the third and twenty-first days of October last, be immediately raised in this state, in manner hereafter directed, to act in conjunction with the continental army until the tenth day of December next, and that such officers of

Two battalions to be raised, &c.

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