

defray the expences of the present campaign, shall be taken in the payment of all public taxes imposed by the said act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and the tax imposed by this act, at par with specie, and also in payment of all duties, fines, and forfeitures, payable for the use of the state.

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XX. WHEREAS it is represented by the honourable le Chevalier d'Anmours, consul-general for His Most Christian Majesty for this and the four southern states, that the Americans settled in France enjoy the most unlimited liberty with respect both to their persons and properties, that not one of them is subject to any personal or pecuniary duty, and therefore he requested that the subjects of France, and their moveables, may be exempted from the payment of any taxes on such property, and from militia duty;

XXI. Be it therefore enacted, That the collection of the tax on any personal property, bonâ fide belonging to any subject of His Most Christian Majesty, who hath or may come into this state for the purposes of commerce, or to be a temporary inhabitant only, and who shall be so certified by the consul-general of France for this state to the commissioners of the tax where such person shall reside, shall be suspended, until it be ascertained what privileges the subjects of this state shall be entitled to enjoy in France, and the general assembly shall take further order in the premises, and any such subject of France shall also be exempted from any fine for not performing military or militia duty, until the further order of the legislature.

Collection of tax on personal property of French subjects, suspended, &c.

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A Supplement to the act to continue and explain the powers vested in the special council appointed on the eastern shore.

WHEREAS the public service may be better promoted by the said special council their acting in certain cases, without being subject to the controul of the governor and council:

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II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the special council appointed for the eastern shore are hereby fully authorised to act according to the powers vested in them by the act aforesaid, without the controul of the governor and council, in the following cases, to wit: The said special council may draw on the treasurer of the eastern shore for any sum not exceeding two fifths of the money or tobacco in his hands at the time of any draught, so that not more than two fifths of the whole money and tobacco collected on the eastern shore be drawn out of the said treasury by the special council (the residue to be reserved to comply with the orders of the governor and council); the said special council may apply the said two fifths towards the necessary expences which may arise for the defence and protection of the eastern shore, by calling out the select or other militia, and by completing, fitting out, arming and manning, the four barges lately built on the eastern shore; the barges, and their officers and crews, shall be subject only to the command of the said special council, who may appoint and commission the proper officers for the said barges, and may direct them in such manner as they may think most conducive

Cases wherein Special Council may act without controul, &c.