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spy, or emissary from the enemy, and if on examination such person cannot give a good and satisfactory account of himself, and of his place of abode, and mode by which he procures a living, and his business in the place in which he shall be arrested, such judge, justice, lieutenant, or militia field officer, may commit such suspected person to the gaol of his county, and give the governor and the council immediate information thereof, that they may take order therein, or may send such arrested person to them under guard, for the purpose aforesaid.

II. And, For the better discovery of spies or emissaries in the city of Annapolis and the towns in this state,

To enquire
after strangers,
&c.

III. Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the justices, and every constable appointed within the said city or any town, diligently to enquire after all strangers, or other persons, coming into the said city or any town, whose conduct or character they may suspect; and every house-keeper in the said city or any town (except inn-keepers) in whose house any stranger may hereafter come to lodge or board, shall inform some justice of his city or town of the name of such lodger or boarder; and every inn-keeper entertaining a stranger shall, if he has any suspicion that he is a spy, or emissary of the enemy, or inimical to this state, inform some justice of his city or town; and if any person shall lodge, board, or entertain, any spy or emissary, having good reason to believe him to be such, and neglect to give information as aforesaid, such person, on conviction in due course of law, shall be fined, not exceeding one thousand pounds, in the discretion of the court.

Governor and
council may
appoint a
court of judi-
cature, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That on any person being apprehended as a spy, the governor and council may appoint a court of judicature for the trial of such person, composed of a regular general or field officer, or county lieutenant and two or more regular or militia field officers, and three or more commissioned regular or militia officers, who (after taking an oath to determine on the case referred to them according to the laws and practice of nations and the usages of war, to the best of their judgment) shall proceed to pass sentence of acquittal or condemnation of such person, and if such sentence shall be of condemnation and death, in which two thirds of the court concur, and the governor and council approve the same, such sentence of death may, by order of the governor, be accordingly executed, or the governor may pardon such spy, after conviction, absolutely or conditionally, on such terms as he may think fit.

Continuance.

V. This act to continue for and during the present war with Great-Britain.

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An ACT to make valid a deed from Lemuel Cravath to Nathaniel Ramsfy.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Lemuel Cravath, of Baltimore-town, did, by assignment of a lease, bearing date the thirty-first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, convey to Nathaniel Ramsfy a lot of ground