

An ACT to raise recruits.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is now a deficiency in the line of this state in the continental army, and this general assembly are desirous to keep up the just proportion of troops for this state:

Money to be raised to procure recruits, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That twenty thousand pounds current money be raised and appropriated to procure recruits, by voluntary enlistment, for three years or during the war.

British property to be sold, &c.

III. *And,* to raise the said sum of twenty thousand pounds current money, *Be it enacted,* That the commissioners to preserve confiscated British property shall, after giving five weeks notice in the Maryland gazette, the Baltimore journal, and Pennsylvania gazette, sell at vendue the following property, lately belonging to persons known to this assembly to be British subjects, and therefore confiscated, or otherwise vested in this state, viz. All those houses and lots in Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, late the property of John and James Jamieson, or either of them, or Jamieson and company; a tract of land lying in Charles county, called Simpton's Delight, containing about two hundred and forty acres clear of other lands, lately claimed by a certain Sherborne Stewart, and which is either confiscated property or escheat land; the property of Lloyd Dulany; the property of Alexander Hamilton in Dorchester county, reserving the property acquired by his marriage with Mrs Murray subject to the direction of the general assembly; the property of the heirs of Anthony Richardson and Samuel Gale in Talbot county; the property of Thomas Philpot, Philip Key, James Sommerville, Henry Kiddle, and Dunlap and son, Daniel Stevenson; (provided, that if any of the said persons left this state before the formation of the new government, shall come into this state before the first day of March next, and shall take his trial for any crimes committed against this state, or any act which may prove his election to become a British subject, or to adhere to the king of Great-Britain, then this legislature doth engage, that the state will repay the value of the property taken by virtue of this act, to the person from whom taken, and who shall return and acquit himself as aforesaid: provided also, that the said commissioners shall immediately publish for all creditors of the said persons to deliver in their claims before the day of sale, and shall reserve so much of the property as will fully discharge any debts due; and if sufficient should not be reserved, the state will hereafter satisfy the debts to the amount of the value of the property sold.

Commissioners may suspend the sale, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That if any citizen of this, or any of the United States, having title in any land or property by this act directed to be sold, shall put in his claim and shew his title to the same, before or at the day of sale, and the commissioners shall think such title and claim well founded, or if any citizen of this or any of the United States hath a vested estate tail in any of the said land or property, and shall, on or before the day of sale, make known such claim of estate in tail, or his title thereto, and the commissioners shall think they are well founded,