

disbursement, and distribution, of the money arising from such debts, with the auditor-general, and shall, at the times aforesaid, lodge with the auditor-general a state and amount of the execution of the authority given him by this act.

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An ACT to authorise the United States in Congress assembled, to impose and levy a duty of five per centum on imported foreign goods, and on all prizes and prize goods, for the payment of the debt contracted by Congress during the war.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the United States in Congress assembled be hereby authorized to impose and levy a duty of five per centum ad valorem; at the time and place of importation, upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, of foreign growth or manufacture, imported into this state, from any foreign port, island, or plantation; provided that arms, ammunition, cloathing, and other articles, imported on account of the United States, or any of them, and wool-cards, cotton-cards, and wire for making them, and salt, be exempted from the said duty during the war.

Congress may  
levy a duty on  
goods, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the United States in Congress assembled be also hereby empowered to impose and levy a like duty of five per centum, on all prizes and prize goods condemned in the court of admiralty of this state.

On prizes,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That the United States in Congress assembled be hereby invested with power to appoint, at such places in this state as may be most convenient, proper persons to collect the duty aforesaid, and to inflict such penalties as they may judge necessary to secure the punctual payment thereof, and to enforce obedience to their ordinances or regulations respecting the duty of their officers, and the faithful collection of the said duty; and all penalties inflicted by Congress shall be recovered in the name of Congress, and by the same speedy mode as is established by law, for the recovery of fines for the breach of any of the laws of this state; and the said United States in Congress assembled are hereby vested with a power to make all such ordinances, regulations, and arrangements, as to them may seem proper or necessary for the collection of the said duty, provided that the said ordinances, regulations, or arrangements, shall not be incompatible with the constitution or laws of this state.

May appoint  
collectors,  
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said duty is hereby granted to Congress for the purpose of discharging the principal and interest of all debts already contracted by them, or which they may hereafter contract during the present war with Great-Britain, on the faith of the United States, and for no other use.

Duty granted  
for discharg-  
ing debts on-  
ly, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the power before given to Congress, to impose and levy the said duty, shall remain and continue for the term of twenty-five years after peace or truce shall take place between Great-Britain

Power given  
to last 25  
years, &c.