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XLVIII,
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Britain and the United States, and no longer; and if the debt due or to be incurred by the United States during the present war, shall be paid and satisfied before the expiration of the said twenty-five years, then the power given by this act to the United States in Congress assembled, to levy the duty aforesaid, shall cease and determine.

When the act
is to com-
mence, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That this act shall not be in force, before all the United States shall pass laws vesting the United States in Congress assembled with power to impose, levy and collect the said duty, agreeable to the resolve of congress of the third of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, for such time and upon such terms as the United States in Congress assembled shall accept, as a substantial compliance with the resolve aforesaid; and immediately upon such laws being passed, and such acceptance of the United States in Congress assembled, this act shall commence and be in force for the term aforesaid.

Faith pledged,
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That this general assembly do hereby engage and pledge the faith of this state, that if the said duty, imposed and collected in all the states, shall not, within the said twenty-five years, discharge the whole debt due, or to be incurred during the war, with interest thereon, by the United States, that this state will continue the power in the United States in Congress assembled, to impose, levy and collect the said duty, until the said debt shall be fully paid, or otherwise make ample provision, and find other sufficient funds, for the payment by this state of its proportion of the debt of the United States.

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An ACT in favour of the natural son of captain Edward Edgerly.

Preamble.

WHEREAS captain Edward Edgerly was a reputable and a brave officer in the Maryland line, who fell in the service of the United States, and he had no legal representative in this country: And whereas he left a natural son, whom he acknowledged to be his, and to whom he manifested his attachments, by acts of attention and parental care; and the said child being young, and destitute of maintenance and support,

Child named,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said child shall be named Edward Edgerly; and the interest of the money that was due from this state and the United States to captain Edward Edgerly, as an officer of the Maryland line, be applied to the maintenance and education of the infant Edward Edgerly aforesaid, until he marries or arrives to the age of twenty-one years; and at the time of marriage or the age of twenty-one years, which ever first shall happen, the principal of the money aforesaid shall be paid to the said Edward Edgerly; but if the said Edward Edgerly shall die before he arrives to the age of twenty-one years, and without being married, then the principal of the said money shall remain to this state.

Guardian ap-
pointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That colonel Nathaniel Ramsay is hereby appointed guardian to the said Edward Edgerly.

IV. Provided,