

IV. **Provided**, That if any legal representative of the said captain Edward Edgerly, being an inhabitant and citizen of this or any of the United States, shall claim the said money in the time limited by law, this act shall in no wise bar or prejudice such legal representative; saving to all just creditors of the said Edward Edgerly their remedy, by action or otherwise, to recover their claims, in the same manner as if this act had not been made, any thing herein before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An A C T to repeal certain duties.

WHEREAS bills of credit, emitted in virtue of the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress (commonly known by the appellation of continental state money) to the amount of ninety-eight thousand and seventy pounds eighteen shillings and nine-pence, were put into circulation; and it appears that forty-three thousand five hundred and four pounds five shillings have been brought in and sunk by taxes; and that property of this state, to the amount of thirty-two thousand six hundred and ninety-eight pounds six shillings, have been sold for the redemption of the said bills of credit; and that the tax of a bushel of wheat, or twenty-five pounds of tobacco, for every hundred pounds worth of property in this state, and the duties on marriage and ordinary licences, and on billiard tables, and slaves, will be far more than fully sufficient to sink the balance of the said bills of credit, now in circulation, before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six: And whereas this general assembly have, this present session, authorised congress to lay a duty of five per cent. on imports,

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II. **Be it enacted**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the duty imposed by the said act on tobacco and pig-iron exported, shall be and is hereby repealed; and that all duties imposed by the said act on imported articles (except slaves) shall cease and be repealed, after the said duty of five per cent. shall take place.

Duty repealed, &c.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the fines, forfeitures, and amerciaments, including forfeited recognizances, and all forfeitures for treason or felony, appropriated by the said act, shall be discharged, and subject to the disposal of the general assembly; and the intendant of the revenue is hereby directed to take care, that all fines, forfeited recognizances, and amerciaments, be duly collected, and that all property forfeited for treason or felony be seized for the state, and taken care of, and that he lay an account thereof, at every session, before the house of delegates, for their inspection, and the direction of the legislature.

Fines, &c. appropriated, to be discharged, &c.

IV. **And be it enacted**, That the assessment or rate imposed by the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, on the stock or property of merchants employed in trade, shall cease and be repealed, after the said duty of five per cent. shall take place.

Rate on merchandise to cease, &c.