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An A C T for the relief of Robert Long.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act of confiscation, such part of the property formerly belonging to British subjects, which would have been liable to satisfy the damages that may be recovered by Robert Long against Pellet and others, was vested in this state, parts of which have been since sold to individuals; and it being but reasonable that the public should pay towards the damages aforesaid, in proportion to the value of the property they have received:

Property sub-
ject to satisfy
damages, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That so much of the property aforesaid, now in the possession of the state, which would have been liable for the damages aforesaid, shall still be subject to satisfy that proportion of the damages, which the value of the whole property received by the state bears to the property belonging to private individuals subject to the damages aforesaid; and that the attorney-general be, and he hereby is directed to appear and defend, on behalf of this state, the said suit, or any other that may hereafter be commenced.

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An A C T to invest the United States in Congress assembled, with a power to levy, for the use of the United States, certain duties on imported foreign goods, wares, and merchandises, as a fund for the payment of the debt contracted by Congress during the late war.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Congress, by a resolution dated the eighteenth of April, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, have recommended to the several states to pass laws, investing the United States in Congress assembled with a power to levy certain duties on imported foreign goods, wares, and merchandise, as a fund for the payment of the debt contracted by Congress during the late war; and the measure appearing to this general assembly to be absolutely necessary: Therefore,

Congress may
levy duties,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the United States in Congress assembled be, and they are hereby invested with a power to levy the following duties on the following enumerated articles, imported into this state from any foreign port, island, or plantation, to wit: Upon all rum of Jamaica proof, per gallon, four ninetieths of a dollar; upon all other spirituous liquors, per gallon, three ninetieths of a dollar; upon Madeira wine, per gallon, twelve ninetieths of a dollar; upon all other wines, per gallon, six ninetieths of a dollar; upon common bohea tea, per pound, six ninetieths of a dollar; upon all other teas, per pound, twenty-four ninetieths of a dollar; upon pepper, per pound, three ninetieths of a dollar; upon brown sugar, per pound, half a ninetieth of a dollar; upon loaf sugar, per pound, two ninetieths of a dollar; upon all other sugars, per pound, one ninetieth of a dollar; upon melasses, per gallon, one ninetieth of a dollar; upon cocoa and coffee, per pound, one ninetieth of a dollar;