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XLVI. Whereas the general assembly did engage to make provision for the punctual payment of interest on the debts due from the public, **Be it enacted,** That so much of the money collected in virtue of this act, as may be necessary, shall be first applied, and is hereby appropriated and set apart for the payment of one year's interest on such certificates as have been or shall be adjusted agreeable to the act relating to public creditors, and the general assembly will provide for the constant and punctual payment of the annual interest, until the principal shall be discharged.

Interest to be first paid, &c.

Coin to be remitted to continental treasury, &c.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That the coin received in virtue of this act, or continental bank notes if to be procured, (not exceeding one half of the whole assessment) be remitted to the continental treasury, for the payment of the army, and that the residue be appropriated to discharge the civil list, and in such other manner as the general assembly shall direct.

Copies to be printed, &c.

XLVIII. And be it enacted, That Mr. Frederick Green, printer, according to his agreement with the house of delegates, shall print and stich in blue paper covers five hundred copies of this act; and make up into eighteen parcels of twenty-seven copies each, directed to the commissioners named in this act for the several counties; and each commissioner shall keep one of the said copies for his own use, and the others shall, by the said commissioners, be distributed to the delegates and justices of the peace in their respective counties; which parcels the said printer shall endorse for the public service, and deliver to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, on or before the tenth day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-four, under the penalty of twenty pounds; and the several sheriffs are hereby required to forward them in the same manner as public letters; and the printer shall deliver the residue of such copies to the clerks of the senate and house of delegates.

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An ACT for the relief of the christian society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, have by their humble petition to this general assembly set forth, that they labour under many great and grievous inconveniences, owing to their conscientious scruples relative to the taking oaths in the usual form, and not being admitted to declare the truth of their knowledge by solemn affirmation: And whereas it is declared in the thirty-sixth section of the declaration of rights, That the manner of administering an oath to any person ought to be such, as those of the religious persuasion, profession or denomination, of which such person is one, generally esteem the most effectual confirmation by the attestation of the Divine Being: Therefore,

Nicolites to enjoy rights, &c. of quakers, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the society of people called Nicolites, or New Quakers, shall be and they are hereby entitled to, and shall have and enjoy, all the rights, privileges, immunities, and franchises, that the people called Quakers are in any manner entitled to enjoy; under the declaration of rights, form