

1785.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P. LXIV.

by the United States in congress assembled, and every officer so appointed shall be amenable to, and removable by, the United States in congress assembled alone, or a committee of the States in the recess of congress.

Congress may inflict penalties, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the United States in congress assembled, be authorized to inflict such penalties and forfeitures as they may judge necessary to prevent frauds and to secure the punctual payment of the duties aforesaid, and to enforce obedience to their ordinances and regulations respecting the duty of the officers to be appointed as aforesaid, and the faithful collection of the duties aforesaid; and all penalties and forfeitures inflicted by congress, may be recovered in the name of congress, in the same mode as is established by law for the recovery of fines and forfeitures for the breach of any of the laws of this state in similar cases; and the said United States in congress assembled, are hereby authorized to make such ordinances, regulations and arrangements, as to them may seem proper or necessary, for the faithful and punctual payment and collection of the said duties; provided that the said ordinances, regulations and arrangements, shall not be repugnant to the constitution of this state.

Purpose for which duties are granted.

V. And be it enacted, That the said duties are hereby granted to congress for the purpose of discharging the principal and interest of all debts contracted on the faith of the United States for supporting the late war with Great-Britain, agreeably to the resolution of congress of the sixteenth day of December seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and for no other purpose.

When to take place, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That this act shall be in force, and the powers thereby vested in the United States in congress assembled, shall take place and may be exercised as soon as twelve states, including this state, shall pass such laws as congress shall accept as a substantial compliance with their resolve of the eighteenth of April seventeen hundred and eighty-three, so far as the same relates to the imposing the duties herein before mentioned: And this act shall continue and be in force for twenty-five years after it shall have taken place as aforesaid.

C H A P. LXV.

Passed March 31.

An ACT to empower Thomas Beatty to collect the arrearages of taxes due to the estate of Christopher Edelen, late of Frederick county, deceased, as collector for the said county for the years therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of Mountjoy Bailey, that Christopher Edelen, deceased, late of Frederick county, was appointed collector of the public taxes in the said county, for the years seventeen hundred and eighty, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and that a considerable balance is still due to the public from the said Christopher Edelen; that the said Christopher Edelen departed this life some time in the month of January last, leaving a small personal estate, insufficient to discharge the balance aforesaid: And whereas it appears from the books and accounts of the said Christopher Edelen, that there is a considerable balance of arrearages uncollected and due to the estate of the said Christopher Edelen, nearly equal to the balance due from the said Christopher Edelen to the public: And whereas the said Mountjoy Bailey, as son-in-law to the said Christopher Edelen, has taken out letters of administration upon the estate of the said deceased, and prayed that a law might pass empowering some proper person to collect the arrearages of taxes for the years aforesaid due to the estate of the said Christopher Edelen, for the purpose of discharging the balance due