

eighty-five, and if deficient, out of the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six.

C H A P.
LXXIV.

IV. And be it enacted, That each delegate to congress from this state shall be allowed three pounds current money per day for every day he shall attend, or be on his journey to or from congress, in full satisfaction for all expences, and this allowance shall be constantly paid out of any public money in the treasury, not specially appropriated to other purposes; and it is expected by the general assembly, that not more than three of the delegates appointed for the next year will attend at the same time in congress.

Allowance to
delegates to
congress, &c.

C H A P. LXXV.

An A C T for the erecting light-houses upon Chesapeake bay and Patowmack river.

Passed March
11.

W H E R E A S the building, supporting and maintaining, a good, substantial, large, and lofty light-house, with a light or lights therein, continually burning in the night time, on Cape Henry, is absolutely necessary, and will be of great use and benefit to the navigation of all vessels bound into or out of the capes of Chesapeake bay, and such light-house ought to be erected as soon as possible: And whereas it will be also necessary, immediately after building the said light-house, to place and fix buoys in the waters of the said bay, and to erect and set up on the shores and uplands thereof beacons and bay marks: And whereas, for the further security of the navigation within the said bay and the river Patowmack, it will also be necessary hereafter to build a light-house on New-point-comfort, and another light-house on Smith's-point, at the mouth of Patowmack river, and to place and fix buoys in the waters of the said river, and to erect on the shores and uplands thereof beacons and river marks: And whereas, by the compact lately made by the commissioners of the commonwealth of Virginia and the commissioners of this state, (which compact hath been ratified and confirmed by the general assemblies of both governments,) it was agreed, "That light-houses, beacons, buoys, or other necessary signals, should be erected, fixed and maintained, upon Chesapeake bay, between the sea and the mouths of the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, and upon the river Patowmack, at the expence of both states; if upon Patowmack river at the joint and equal charge of both states, and if upon the said part of Chesapeake bay, Virginia to defray five parts and Maryland three parts of such expence; and if this expence should in future times be found unequal, that the same should be corrected:" And whereas this general assembly are desirous to provide a fund, as soon as possible, to defray the proportion of this state for the purposes aforesaid agreeably to the said compact;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the master or commander of every vessel sailing through the capes of Chesapeake bay to this state, and entering in any port thereof, or clearing from any port of this state and sailing through the said capes, and owned by any citizen of this or any of the United States, or by any subject or citizen of any kingdom or state in peace and amity with the United States and this state, and with which kingdom or state and the United States a treaty of commerce hath already been made, or shall hereafter be made, shall, at the time of entering or clearing respectively, pay to the naval-officer the duty of six-pence current money for every ton such vessel shall measure, agreeably to the directions of the laws of this state, and double that sum shall be paid by every vessel having a foreign register, or owned in the whole or in part by any subject or citizen of any kingdom or state with which a treaty of commerce hath not already been made, or shall not hereafter

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