

rent money, shall be and hereby is imposed on all goods, wares and merchandise, (not heretofore particularly enumerated and liable to specific duties) imported into this state by land or water, and an additional duty of one penny current money per gallon on every gallon of West-India rum imported into this state by land or water, and a duty of eight-pence current money for every bushel of salt imported into this state by land or water; and the said duties shall be paid, or secured to be paid, at the time, and in the same manner as other duties are to be paid, or secured to be paid, by the laws of this state; and the several naval officers shall collect the said duties, and render an account of, and pay the same into the treasury, at the same time, and under the same penalty, as they are required by law to collect, account for, and pay other duties; and the said duties shall be paid in Spanish milled dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, or French or English crowns at eight shillings and four-pence each, or in French, Spanish, British, or Portugal gold coin, at the rate of six shillings and eight-pence per pennyweight, and in nothing else; and the treasurer of the western shore shall keep all money by him received for the said duties separate and apart from all other public money, and the said duties shall be and continue appropriated to the payment of the annual interest on the loan to be liquidated and ascertained as the debt due from this state to the said Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever, until the principal of the debt shall be wholly paid and fully discharged; and this general assembly engage not to apply any part of the surplus of the said duties beyond what may be sufficient to pay the annual interest aforesaid, without leaving at least a sufficient sum to pay one full year's interest on the capital debt aforesaid.

C H A P. XLIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting surplus lands.

Passed May
26.
Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen, whether on a warrant of resurvey including several tracts, the surplus land of one of the tracts ought not to be applied to make up the deficiency of the others;

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That no surplus land of one tract shall hereafter be applied to make up the deficiency of any other tract included in the same warrant of resurvey on any certificate now or hereafter to be returned on resurvey of any tract, or part of a tract of land, granted before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven.

Surplus not
to be applied
to make up
deficiency,
&c.

RESOLUTIONS assented to April session, 1787.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums of money as they may deem necessary to defray the expence to be incurred by sending to the gentlemen appointed to meet the convention to be held at Philadelphia a notification of their appointment.

UPON the second reading of the report on the petition of Henry Stevenson, late collector of Baltimore county, **RESOLVED**, That he receive the benefit and advantage of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, 1783, and likewise that he be released from the payment of the penalty of fifteen *per cent.* interest, provided he gives bond and good security for the payment of the balance due by him to the state, with interest of six *per cent.* *per annum*, from the time the said money became due until he shall actually bond as aforesaid, agreeable to the act aforesaid, on or before the first day of June next.

ON the second reading the petition of Jane Roberts, and others, **RESOLVED**, That the bond given by Thomas May, respecting the property of John Roberts, late of the state of Pennsylvania, be cancelled and delivered up to Thomas Roberts, heir of the said John Roberts.

RESOLVED,