

since the commencement of the war, and their property, wherever found, subject to seizure and confiscation: Wherefore,

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby enacted and declared, That all property of British subjects (debts only excepted) be confiscated, seized, and vested, in this state, subject to the disposition of the general assembly.*

*And, Whereas the payment of quit-rent hath ceased throughout the United States since the late happy revolution, and sound policy requires that the state of Maryland should not be distinguished from all others, and that the quit-rent should cease from and after the declaration of independence:*

*Be it therefore enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken, to subject the inhabitants of this state to the payment of quit-rent, arising since the declaration of independence, for the lands they may have in possession, or be justly entitled unto, but that the same shall cease and be for ever hereafter abolished, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.*

“ By the house of delegates,  
 “ April 1, 1780: Read the first  
 “ time and ordered to lie on the  
 “ table. By order,

“ F. GREEN, clk.

“ By the house of delegates, A-  
 “ pril 4, 1780: Read the second  
 “ time and will pass.

“ By order,

“ F. GREEN, clk.

“ By the senate, April 4, 1780.

“ Read the first time and ordered  
 “ to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

“ By the senate, April 14, 1780:

“ Read the second time and will  
 “ not pass.

“ By order,

“ H. RIDGELY, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 12, 1780.

May it please your HONOURS,

THE two requisitions of congress, of the 25th of February and 18th of March last, have been considered in this house, and we have determined to exert our utmost endeavours to furnish the supplies of provisions in kind, and, from the peculiar situation and extreme exigency of our public affairs, to adopt and carry into execution, as far as possible, the advice and plan of congress, relative to their bills of credit. We conceive these two subjects to involve the greater part