

*Provided always, and be it enacted,* That this act, or any thing therein contained, shall not be taken or construed in any manner to affect or damage any person, who hath, since the nineteenth day of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, been or may be employed by the United States, or any of them, and hath manifested his attachment to the said states, or any person who hath withdrawn himself from the dominions of Great-Britain, with design to partake in the present revolution, and shall be certified by any minister of the United States in Europe to be a friend to America: And also, that nothing in this act shall be taken or construed in any manner to supersede or repeal the act of assembly, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, or to prevent a trial and condemnation of any subject of this state, who has left this state, and committed treason or any other crime against this or any of the United States; nor shall this act, or any thing therein contained, be taken or construed to relieve any of those persons, who deserted this country as aforesaid, and who shall come to this state within the time aforesaid, from the treble tax imposed on their estates by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, but the said treble tax shall be assessed, paid, and collected, on the estates of all such persons, agreeable to the directions of the said act; nor shall this act be taken or construed to confer on any person, who comes into this state in consequence thereof, a right to hold any office of profit or trust under this state, or to vote at any election whatsoever, but such person shall be for ever incapable of holding or exercising the said privileges.

*And,* Whereas since the late happy revolution quit-rents have ceased throughout the United States, and it is inconsistent with the safety, liberty, and independence, of this state, to acknowledge or suffer any superior or lord paramount, by continuing, reviving, or permitting, quit-rents to exist therein:

*Be it declared,* That the quit-rents formerly paid to and reserved by the lords proprietary have ceased, and of right ought to cease, and be for ever abolished.

*And be it enacted,* That the governor and council be requested to transmit copies of this act to the commander in chief,