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or a field officer, who may compel him to serve, giving him his choice whether he will enlist for nine months, three years, or to serve during the war, on the same terms as other recruits; and the apprehender, being a constable or a recruiting serjeant, is entitled to a reward of 20 dollars. Any person, however, adjudged a vagrant, may appeal to the executive.

The same allowances are made by this as by the act for recruiting the quota, &c. to those who shall enlist for three years or the continuance of the war. Those who shall enlist for nine months, as also the persons draughted, shall be entitled to a suit of cloaths, two shirts, two pair of shoes and stockings, a hat and blanket, all which, or an equivalent in money, to be provided by the public. The families of all recruits and substitutes for nine months, three years, or the duration of the war, obtained under this act, shall be supported in the manner directed by the act for recruiting the quota, &c. the expence to be defrayed by an equal assessment on the property of men above 50 years of age, who are exempted from this service by this act, on the property of those exempted by bodily infirmities, or exempted by this act or by former laws, except those who have found or may find substitutes.

This act lastly authorises lieutenants to provide quarters for the recruits and substitutes, and directs the executive to expedite their march agreeably to the order of the commander in chief, or, in case of no such order, to the place where the troops from this state may be stationed.

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An ACT to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

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An ACT to raise the supplies for the current year.

To levy 5/ in the pound of the annual value of all property, on the principle that all property produces five per cent. in the course of the year; *i. e.* every £. 100 is to pay 25/. The governor and council are empowered too, in case they shall deem it necessary, to emit bills of credit to the amount of £. 300,000.

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An ACT to prevent and suppress insurrections.

Which had taken place in Somerset county principally. The governor and council, for this purpose, were authorised to cause the militia in any county to be called out, to send down to Somerset county any part of the companies of matrosses, to fit out any number of the gallies and armed boats which they may think necessary for cutting off the communication between the disaffected and the enemy, and to raise an independent company of foot, consisting of 100 privates, to be raised and stationed on the eastern shore, to serve three years or during the war, and not to be sent out of the state. It empowers a county lieutenant to seize any vessel which he suspects will be used to communicate with the enemy. It authorises likewise the lieutenant, with two field officers, or three field officers without him, at their discretion, to disarm any nonjuror. It likewise contains the following permanent provision, which seems however to have no relation to its title.

What persons shall not serve as jurors.

VI. And be it enacted, That no person shall be capable of serving as a juror in any civil or criminal case, who hath not taken the oath of fidelity to this state, directed by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government.

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An ACT for the speedy recovery of public debts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many large sums of money have been issued out of the public treasury of the United States, and state of Maryland, to divers persons who have not rendered any accounts for the same, and congress having requested that a law might pass in each respective state for the speedy recovery of debts due to the United States,

Auditor-general, &c. may cause process to issue in the general or any county court, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the auditor-general, or any person or persons authorised by congress, may cause process to issue in the general or any county court of this state, for any debt or sum of money now due and owing, or which shall hereafter become due to the United States, against any person or persons whatever, inhabiting, residing, or being found within this state, or against any such person or persons who have received or hereafter shall receive money from the treasury of the United States, or by order of congress, and have not rendered, or shall not render, an account for the same, and a declaration or short note, expressing the cause of action, being filed with the clerk of the court before issuing the writ, and a copy of such declaration or short note being served on the defendant or defendants, or left at his or their last place of abode twenty days before the return of such writ in the general court, and eight days before the return thereof in the county court, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of said courts respectively, and they are hereby authorised and required, to cause such defendant or defendants to plead to issue, and shall proceed to trial or judgment the first court, and shall not allow any imparity, unless where evidence is wanted, without which the parties, or either of them,