

able to the act of last session of assembly, to adjust the debts due from this state; and it is hereby declared to be the intent and meaning of this act, that the officers and soldiers, receiving certificates from the commissioner as aforesaid, shall derive similar benefits from the same, and be considered, in this respect, in similar predicament with other officers, heretofore settled with agreeable to the acts for settling and adjusting the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States; and that captain John Read, and the officers and soldiers in his company, and colonel Luke Marbury, when settled with, and having received certificates from the treasurer, shall derive similar benefits, and be, in this respect, in similar predicament with other public creditors, heretofore settled with agreeable to the act to adjust the debts due from this state, passed last session.

C H A P.  
XXVI.

IX. And be it further enacted, That any officer, of the quota of this state in the troops of the United States, who hath been, or may hereafter be, disabled, by loss of limb, or any other wound, from performing his military duty, and hath or shall resign his commission in the continental army before the end of the war, shall be entitled, from the time of his resignation, to half pay, and his widow after his death, as if the said officer had continued in the service during the war.

Officers disabled entitled to half pay, &c.

C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT to appoint an intendant of the revenue, and all public monies.

For one year only, to commence on the 1st of February next.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT to raise recruits.

Directing a considerable quantity of British property to be sold by the commissioners, for specie, giving very short credit; and any quantity of tobacco, not exceeding 1,000 hogheads, to be sold for specie by the executive. The money arising from these sales, is to be delivered to general Smallwood, for the purpose of carrying on the recruiting service.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT to settle and pay the civil list, and the other expences of civil government.

For the ensuing year. Before this act it had been the practice to settle these matters by resolves, which were never published except in the journals.

Amongst the officers provided for by this act is the judge of the court of admiralty. This court is not mentioned in the constitution, but it was instituted by a convention, on the 25th of May, 1776, in the following words:

RESOLVED, That a court of admiralty be established for the trial of such captures and seizures, with full power to take cognizance of all libels on account of such captures and seizures, and to proceed to a final determination and decree thereupon. Which court shall consist of a judge to hear and determine, a register to record the proceedings, and a marshal to call the said court and execute the several processess thereof; the said judge to be nominated and commissioned by the convention, or in the recess thereof, to be nominated and commissioned by the council of safety for the time being; and the said register and marshal to be nominated and appointed by the judge of the said court; the commission of the said judge, and the nomination and appointment of the said register and marshal, to be during the will and pleasure of the convention for the time being; the process and form of proceeding to be as usual in the courts of admiralty; but if either libellant or defendant, on any controverted material fact between them, demand a trial of the said fact by a jury, in such case shall order and direct the marshal to summon out of the neighbourhood where the court is held, a jury of freeholders, to find and say the truth of the said fact on oath, and upon the verdict of the said jury, shall pronounce his decree accordingly; the final determination and decree of the said judge to be subject to such appeal, and in such manner, as recommended in the resolutions aforesaid of the congress. The fees for proceedings in this court to be the same with the fees heretofore allowed the court of admiralty, by an act passed in 1763, entitled, An act for amending the staple of tobacco, &c. the said fees to be paid in money at the rate of 12/6 common money per hundred; and the allowances to juries and witnesses to be the same as heretofore made to juries and witnesses in the common law county courts of this province. This court to be held at such place as the judge shall think convenient for the trial of such captures and seizures as are or shall be made as aforesaid.

C H A P. XXX.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

C H A P. XXXI.

An ACT for the sale of certain confiscated British property pledged for the redemption of certificates.

Granted to the officers and soldiers for the depreciation of their pay.