

cular claim, giving preference to debts of superior quality and nature, as practised by the testamentary law; and when there shall be a surplus of such sales over and above what is sufficient to discharge the debts aforesaid, the same shall be paid into the treasury, subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

C H A P.  
XXIV.

V. **And be it enacted**, That where there shall be confiscation and appropriation of the property aforesaid, and not a sufficiency unappropriated and unsold to discharge the debts aforesaid, that in such case the treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to grant to such claimant or creditor a certificate, in current money, for his debt as aforesaid, or in such proportion as aforesaid, so far as the sale of the individual estate; which said certificate shall be paid as other public creditors, or discountable in taxes, at the option of the owner.

Treasurer to  
grant certifi-  
cates. &c.

## C H A P. XXV.

An ACT proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment, on the terms therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS about three million of continental dollars were loaned by citizens of this state to congress, and this government is desirous of discharging, as far as in its power, its proportion of the interest of continental loans in America, and to make payment first to its own citizens:

Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the general assembly of Maryland, That any subjects of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, may bring them to the auditor-general, to be adjusted by him, agreeable to the scale laid down by congress, and order may thereupon issue by the governor and council to the treasurer of the western shore, who may grant the owner a state certificate, bearing an interest of six *per cent.* and this state will thereupon become debtor for the sum expressed in such certificate, and the interest to accrue thereon, and do hereby engage to pay one half of the interest annually, during the war, in coin, and after the war to discharge the residue of the interest, or add it to the principal, and to pay the whole interest thereof annually in coin, and to pay the principal as soon as possible.

Auditor to  
adjust certifi-  
cates, &c.

III. **Provided**, and it is hereby enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed or taken to extend to any continental certificates assigned to the citizens of this state by the citizens of any other state.

Provide.

This act has been suspended by a resolve of the legislature, so far as that no more certificates are to issue under it until further order.

## C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles.

The executive is requested to have a galley, which is already on hand, finished as soon as possible, fitted out before the 1st of May next, and armed with at least 30 seamen, and 70 watermen and marines, under proper officers, &c. They are requested, likewise, to fit out four barges, with sails, oars, cannon and swivels, and to man them completely. This armament is to be provided, in every respect, for a cruise within the bay and inlets, until the 1st of January, 1784. And, for the encouragement of the crews, two thirds of the prizes they shall make, shall be shared amongst the crew, in the proportion regulated by congress.

VI. **And be it enacted**, That if any officer, seaman, waterman or marine, shall lose a limb, or be otherwise maimed or hurt, so as to be rendered incapable of procuring a livelihood, such officer, seaman, waterman or marine, shall be entitled to receive the same provision and support as is or shall hereafter be established by this state for its officers and soldiers in the service of the United States.

Disabled offi-  
cers, &c. to  
be provided  
for.

And for defraying the expence of this arrangement, certain duties are laid on imports, to be levied for one year from the passage of this act, unless the five *per cent.* impost shall take place within the time.

## C H A P. XXVII.

An ACT to appoint an intendant of the revenue.

This act provides for the continuance of the office a second year, commencing, as the first did, on the 1st day of February.