

CHAP. I. um, at the rate of seven pounds ten shillings on every hundred pounds which may be lent to this state in gold or silver (after the said eight thousand pounds shall be so obtained); and a premium of five pounds on every hundred pounds on loans in bills of credit of the old or new emissions, at their value; in wheat, weighing not less than fifty-eight pounds per bushel, at seven shillings and six-pence per bushel; fresh merchantable fine wheat flour, at twenty-two shillings and six-pence per long hundred weight, in cask well pegged or nailed; or any articles of cloathing fit for soldiers, at their ready money price in specie; the said wheat or flour to be delivered to the commissaries of the respective counties, on navigable water, or at some mill or other secure house within ten miles thereof; and that the said last mentioned premium be allowed on loans of crop tobacco inspected since the fifteenth day of September last, in hogheads weighing not less than nine hundred and fifty pounds net each, which tobaccos shall be repaid in kind, in the same county and of as good weight as that may be which is lent; the said monies and tobaccos to be delivered to the treasurer of the shore respectively where lent, or to any senator or delegate of the county where such loan may be made; and the said articles of cloathing to be agreed for with and delivered to the commissary of stores, or such other person or persons as the governor and council may appoint; of any of which loans or purchases, the person who receives or makes the same shall give to the lender or seller a certificate therefor, expressing the time and all other particulars concerning the same; and the money or tobacco so lent shall, without delay, be sent to the treasurer of the shore where lent, with a copy of the certificate given therefor; and the treasurer shall give notice of such receipts, from time to time, to the governor and council; and the county commissaries shall also, from time to time, transmit copies of the certificates by them given to the treasurer of their respective shore, and accounts of what wheat and flour they may receive as aforesaid to the governor and council; and any person lending tobacco shall be entitled to the premium aforesaid, with an interest of six *per cent.* and shall be paid in the same warehouse where lent, so far as the public may have tobacco therein; and the governor and council, out of the first loans aforesaid, are to furnish and supply the captive officers of the Maryland troops with forty pounds each, and the captive non-commissioned officers and privates with seven pounds ten shillings each, in specie, reckoning Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence; and out of the said loans, before any other application thereof, purchase, provide, and have made up ready for use, cloathing for one thousand recruits, which shall be distributed to the counties with all dispatch, and in just proportion, as near as may be, to the recruits to be raised in the respective counties by act of the present session; in the next place to satisfy the men who have served in the quota of the troops of this state in the continental service, whose times have expired, and who are therefore discharged from the service, for their cloathing and other dues which remain unpaid; and the residue, as if the same had been raised under the act of the present session to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

Loans to bear interest, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That all the said loans, including the respective premiums or allowances aforesaid, shall bear an interest of six *per cent. per annum*, which shall be paid yearly; and each senator and delegate shall lay before the general assembly, in the first week of their next session, lists of all monies and tobaccos received by them, the times of their receipts, and the persons names from whom received.

Certain British property pledged, &c.

IV. And, to make certain the true and speedy payment of the said certificates and interest, Be it enacted, That the following property within this state, of persons well known to this general assembly to be British subjects, within the description and intent of the act of this present session, to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, that is to say, the several manors in the counties of Saint-Mary's, Kent, Charles, Queen-Anne's, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, which belonged to the late lord proprietary, and which remains unsold by the commissioners of Frederick late lord Baltimore, and also all the property of the persons commonly called by the name of the Principio company, except the part, share or interest, of Thomas Russell, a subject of this state,