

C H A P.
XV.

Tauner, Joseph Hurst, Daniel Stonefifer, Frederick Roads, Daniel Ide-
noyer, Martin Peachle, Michael Shouke, Christopher Lontz, junior,
Frederick Kifer, Jacob Pince, Philip Hammond, George Shawman,
Adam Hoover, Richard Anderton, George Miller, Jacob Line, George
Line, Henry Earleybough, Leonard Bell, John Winders, Andrew
Grim, William Lewis, Adam Coplinger, Valentine Hill, John Watts,
Jacob Rule, David Funk, Nathan Cheney, Isaac Heuter, Samuel Ba-
ker, William Feltz, John Thomas, Jacob Thomas, Henry Redy, John
Waggoner, John Long, Isaac Nicevonger, Christian Thomas, Michael
Thomas, Conrod Schebenely, Andrew Pleker, Conrod Ringer, George
Adam Geitgh, Jacob Broombugh, George Tife, Michael Thomas, ju-
nior, Jacob Rugfel, John Cone, Jacob Hufs, George Sluter, John
Gearheart, George Knavel, Joseph Eavy, Adam Snider, Adam Sheep,
and John Cheevey, of Washington county; Henry Trader, George
Fletcher, James Fletcher, John Picefey, Benjamin Picefey, David
Brown, Walter Taylor, Stephen Taylor, John Nelson, John Wilton,
Samuel Wilson, Cannon Wainwright, Jonathan Hinkman, Charles
Hopkins, Joshua Hitch, Cannon Lank, Joseph Leonard, Isaac Mad-
dox, Allen Howard, William Goddard, John Smith, Matthias Christo-
pher, James Smith, Robert Anderson, James Trader, Samuel Howard,
John Hobbs, Thomas Cox, junior, Archibald Smith, Matthias Oli-
phant, William Dailey, John Leonard, Thomas Lank, John Smith,
Elisha Lawrence, Saul Stocley, Levin Beauchamp, Joshua Beau hamp,
Elijah Johnson, John Philips, Isaac Dashiell, Ezekiel Bell, Thomas
Cox, junior, Arnold Ballard, James Spicer, Matthias Hobbs, Philip
Jones, Stephen Garland, Henry Walston, Elijah Christopher, Samuel
Smith, Henry Walston Miles, John Daugherty, George Austin, David
Wallace, and John Jones (son of Samuel) of Somerset and Worcester
counties; William Withgot, William Sanders, and Isaac Henry, of
Dorchester county; John Covey, and Joshua Berwick, of Caroline
county; and the reverend John Stevens, of Saint Mary's county; have
by their petitions to the general assembly set forth, that they have neg-
lected, through ignorance and other causes, to take the oath or affirma-
tion of support and fidelity to this state, which by the act for the better
security of the government they were enjoined to do: The general as-
sembly, having taken the said petitions into consideration, and being
moved and excited by motives of compassion to relieve them from the
treble tax, now become very burthenfome:

Persons named
relieved from
the treble tax,
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if each
and every of the above mentioned petitioners shall, on or before the first
day of September next, take, repeat, and subscribe, the oath or af-
firmation (as the case may be) of fidelity and support to this state, re-
quired by the act for the better security of the government, before some
justice of the peace of his or their county or counties, and deliver a cer-
tificate thereof to the clerk of such county, who shall, and he is hereby
directed to enroll the name or names of such person or persons in his
book kept for that purpose, they shall from thenceforth be relieve
from the treble tax, and all the incapacities, disabilities, and disquali-
fications, created and imposed by the act for the better security of the
government, except the holding any office of trust or profit, and
voting at any election, any thing in any law to the contrary notwith-
standing.

III. And