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An Act to authorize the United States in Congress assembled in the final Settlement of the Proportions to be borne by this State of certain Public Expenses; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Whereas by several Acts of Congress it is recommended to all the States in Union to authorize and empower the United States in Congress assembled in the final Settlement of the Proportions to be borne by each State of the general Expenses of the War, from the Commencement thereof until the first Day of January, One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and eighty two, except the Money loaned to the United States; and also to Empower the Commissioner appointed to settle the Public Accounts in this State to call for Witnesses and examine them upon oath, or Affirmation, touching such Accounts, as are respectively assigned to them for Settlement; therefore,

1. Be it enacted, by the Council and general Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That The United States in Congress assembled, ^{shall} be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered fully and finally to determine and settle the Proportion to be borne by this State of the general Expenses of the War, from the Commencement thereof until the first day of January, one thousand, Seven Hundred, and Eighty two except the Money loaned

learned to the United States, and to assume and adopt such Principles as from the particular Circumstances of this State and the several States in Union, at different Periods may appear just and equitable without being wholly confined to the Rule laid down in the Eighth Article of the Confederation, in Cases where the same cannot be applied without manifest injustice.

2. And be it further Enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Auditor of accounts of this State, and he is hereby Required as speedily as possible to make out and transmit to Congress all such Documents and information, as may be judged necessary by Congress to assist them in forming just estimates of the Value and Abilities of this State, at the End of every Year, within the aforesaid terms; particularly an accurate, and exact Abstract of all the Rateables of this State, at the Close of each and every Year, as far as the same can be ascertained.

3. And be it further Enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioner appointed and authorized to settle the Accounts between the United States and the inhabitants of this State, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, in any Case where Doubts may arise respecting the validity of such accounts to cite before him by Summons under his hand and Seal, directed to any Constable of the County where such witness

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may reside, who is hereby Required to pay Obedience thereto, such Person
or Persons as may appear likely or qualified to give information con-
cerning the said account, and him or them to examine upon Oaths, or
affirmation, touching the same, which Oaths or affirmations the said Com-
missioner is hereby empowered to administer; and the Constable shall be en-
titled to receive two shillings and sixpence for the service of every such
Summons, and the witnesses, two shillings and sixpence for every Day
they shall attend to be paid by the Party whose Account is in such a
State of invalidity as to make the said testimony necessary. —

Provided, nevertheless that no witness shall be compelled to attend, out
of the County where he may reside. —

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