

state, and one of the said company, and except also the part, share or interest, if any, of any other subject of this, or any other subject of any other of the United States, and except also the lands called Beaverdam Manor and Chaptico Manor in Saint-Mary's county, shall be and are hereby pledged and set apart as a security therefor; and that the said property shall be sold and disposed of in such manner and at such time as the general assembly shall hereafter direct, for the sole purpose of paying and discharging the same; and that the said certificates, for the sum thereof, including principal, premium and interest, shall be received in payment on the sale of the said property, or any other British property (except that specially engaged to sink the new state bills of credit, and such as shall be specially engaged to make good the depreciation of the pay of the officers and soldiers of the quota of this state of the continental troops) as and instead of so much specie; and in case the lenders of tobacco payable in tobacco and the public cannot agree on the price thereof, then shall the produce of the sales, so far as necessary, be faithfully applied in the purchase of tobacco, in the same counties where the same shall have been lent, and the lenders fully paid and satisfied therewith; and in case the lands and other property herein before pledged and engaged to procure a loan, should not prove fully sufficient to repay the same as aforesaid, the general assembly will pledge other property, on its appearing probable, amply to make up the deficiency.

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V. And be it enacted, That any lands within this state, of which any person has or shall hereafter die seized in fee-simple, without any heir of the whole blood who could have inherited if he had been a subject of this state, or without leaving any relation of the half blood within two degrees, that is, first cousins, as the same are reckoned by the common law, such lands shall escheat to the state, and the commissioners appointed to preserve British property may agree for the sale of the same (giving the preference to those who have already applied to the land-office for the pre-emption, and to those who shall first hereafter discover and apply to purchase, at two thirds of the real value of such lands in specie, bills of credit, or crop tobacco inspected since the fifteenth day of September last, weighing not less than nine hundred pounds net each hoghead, to the value as the same would have sold for in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-four) on condition that one half of the consideration be paid within three months hereafter, or within two months after the application, and the residue within nine months after the first payment; and on application to the said commissioners for any escheat land, they may direct the clerk of the land-office of the shore where the land lies, to issue a warrant to the surveyor of the county to survey the same, and to note in his return the situation, quality and value, of the land and improvements; and the said commissioners shall inform themselves, by any other ways and means, of the true value of any such land; and if any person obtaining such warrant of escheat shall neglect to comply with his terms of payment, the land shall be subject to any new application which shall be first made after such default; and any money or tobacco agreed to be paid for the purchase of escheat lands, shall be paid to the treasurer of the shore where the land lies, and the treasurer shall give his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be produced to and lodged with the commissioners.

Land of persons dying without heirs, to escheat to the state, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the following lots, to wit, No. 11, 38, 40, and 41, in Baltimore-town, and the land adjoining or near to Baltimore-town belonging to the heirs of Edward Fotherall, late of the kingdom of Ireland; the property of Anthony Bacon, John Eversfield, George and Andrew Buchanan, James Brown and company, Mackie, Speirs and company, Mackie, Speirs, French and company, James Christie, John Buchanan, John Glasford and company, the heirs of John Hyde, the heirs of Samuel Hyde, the heirs of Thomas Bladen, all of Great-Britain, known to be British subjects within the description and intent of the said act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, and such parts of the manors or lands in Saint-Mary's county, called Beaverdam Manor and Chaptico Manor, which are seized and confiscated as British property in consequence of the said act, shall and may also be laid off in small convenient parcels by the commissioners aforesaid, as they may judge most advantageous;

Lots, &c. to be sold, &c.