

one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, January eight, February ten, March ten and half, April seventeen, May twenty-four, June twenty, July nineteen, August twenty, September twenty-four, October thirty, November thirty-eight and half, December forty-one and half; one thousand seven hundred and eighty, January forty and an half, February forty-seven and an half, March sixty-one and an half, April sixty-one and an half, May fifty-nine, June sixty-one and an half, July sixty-four and an half.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioner shall be entitled to receive twenty-five shillings *per diem* in real money, or the value, for every day he shall attend in the execution of his office in pursuance of this act within the state, and thirty-five shillings like money for every day he shall attend in pursuance of this act out of the state.

Commissioner's allowance.

XI. AND, effectually to secure the payment of the money due on the said certificates, with interest thereon at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* from the said first day of August last, BE IT ENACTED, That the lands commonly called Talbot's, or New Connought Manor, in Cæcil county, My Lady's Manor, in Baltimore, or Baltimore and Harford counties, and Monococy Manor, in Frederick county, being British property, and seized and confiscated as such, by the act of this present session to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, shall be and are hereby set apart and burthened and charged with the payment of the money and interest aforesaid due on the said certificates, and the same shall be raised out of the said lands, by sales thereof, in such manner as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and the said certificates shall and may be received, for the principal and interest due thereon, as specie, rating Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six pence each, in payment for the said lands, or any other British property to be sold in this state, except that specially engaged to sink the new state bills of credit, and such as is or shall be specially engaged for the security and payment of loans to be made in this state; provided, that in case so many of the said certificates shall be paid in on the sales of other property, as that the said manors shall be greatly more than sufficient and adequate security for the residue, the general assembly may apply to any other purposes, any part of the said manors, leaving amply sufficient to secure the full payment of the other outstanding certificates.

Manors burthened with the payment of money due, &c.

XII. AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, That it is not the intention of this general assembly to disturb the tenants or settlers on the lands aforesaid, engaged as security for payment of the certificates to be granted in pursuance of this act, but that the tenants or settlers shall be indulged in the purchase of the parts they respectively occupy or possess, on one tenth part below their true value, on the following terms of payment, to wit: One seventh part to be paid within three months after the contract, and one seventh part, with yearly interest on the whole that may be due, yearly thereafter, till the whole shall be paid.

Tenants may purchase, &c.

C H A P. XXXIX.

A Supplement to the act (a) for the regulation of the staple of tobacco. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 435.

Passed 2d of Feb. 1781.

(a) June, 1780, ch. 14. Expired with the principal act at the end of the session of 1785.

C H A P. XL.

An ACT to empower the delegates of this state in congress to subscribe and ratify the articles of confederation. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 439.

WHEREAS it hath been said, that the common enemy is encouraged, by this state not acceding to the confederation, to hope that the union of the sister states may be dissolved, and therefore prosecutes the war in expectation of an event so disgraceful to America, and our friends and illustrious ally are impressed with an idea, that the common cause would be promoted by our formally acceding to the confederation: This general assembly, conscious that this state hath from the commencement of the war strenuously exerted herself in the common cause, and fully satisfied, that if no formal confederation was to take place, it is the fixed determination of this state to continue her exertions to the utmost, agreeable to the faith pledged in the union, from an earnest desire to conciliate the affection of the sister states, to convince all the world of our unalterable resolution to support the independence of the United States, and the alliance with his most christian majesty, and to destroy for ever any apprehension of our friends, or hope in our enemies, of this state being again united to Great-Britain;

Preamble.