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LI.  
Loans to bear  
interest, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the said loans, including the respective premiums or allowances afore said, 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 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, 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 Beaver-dam 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 afore said, the general assembly will pledge other property, on its appearing probable, amply to make up the deficiency.

Lands to es-  
cheat to the  
state, &c.

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.

By November, 1781, ch. 20, section 17, so much of this act as authorized the commissioners to grant warrants and to contract for the sale of escheat lands, was repealed.

Lots, &c. to be  
sold, &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