

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 Beaver-dam 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; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered and directed, at such convenient times as they may think proper, and after three weeks notice in the Baltimore news-paper for the lands in Baltimore-town, and six weeks for the other lands, to set up and expose to sale by auction, (appointing the auctioneer of the county where the property lies, or such other person as they think proper, allowing for his trouble not exceeding at the rate of one half *per cent.*) any of the said parcels, on the terms of paying one fifth part of the sum bid in specie, at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence per Spanish dollar, and the remaining four fifth parts thereof in the new bills of credit emitted by this state, and the new continental bills of credit emitted in this state, at seven shillings and six-pence per dollar, the specie to be paid within three weeks from the day of sale, one half of the bills of credit to be paid within two months after the said sale, and the remainder within four months from the sale; but if the first and second payments shall not be made by the times limited, the commissioners may advertise and expose the land again for sale; if the first payment shall be made and the second neglected, the first payment shall be forfeited, but if default shall be made in the last payment, the second being made, no conveyance shall be made till the last payment shall be made up, with ten *per cent.* interest; and if the said Thomas Russell shall consent to have his undivided part of the said land laid out and sold with the other, he shall have his just proportion of the purchase money paid over to him on the receipt thereof, and the money received belonging to the public shall be from time to time paid into the treasury of the shore on which the land lies.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this state will for ever warrant and secure to the purchasers and their heirs any British property sold in pursuance of this act, and will protect them in the peaceable possession thereof. Purchasers secured, &c.

VIII. AND, to prevent any injury or inconvenience from the sale of any property as belonging to any of the persons herein before mentioned, which does not belong to some of them, BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not proceed to the sale of any property under this act, as belonging to any of the said persons, and being confiscated because of their being British subjects, but what they shall be fully and clearly satisfied did belong to them, and hath not been sold or conveyed since the first day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty. No property to be sold, &c.

C H A P. LII.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 468.

Passed 2d of Feb. 1781.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Thursday, the 10th of May, in the year of our Lord 1781, and ended the 27th day of June, 1781, the following laws were enacted. 1781.

THOMAS SIM LEE, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

An ACT for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western and eastern shore, and the several county courts therein mentioned, and for the other purposes therein mentioned. Passed 27th of June, 1781.
Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 1.

C H A P.