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C H A P. XVII.

act shall be settled and adjusted, as if the same were granted, or due and payable, on the seventeenth day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight.

C H A P. XVIII.

Passed 27th of June, 1781.

An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 22.

To continue one year, &c. Continued until the end of the next session by November, 1783, ch. 32. Expired.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to enable the visitors of Anne-Arundel county school to qualify themselves to execute their trust. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 23.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the late visitors of Anne-Arundel county school, from inattention, did not take, repeat and subscribe the oath of fidelity to this state, prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, agreeable to the directions thereof, by means whereof the said visitors were disqualified to discharge the trust reposed in them: And whereas it is necessary, for the good government of the said school, that the said visitors should be enabled to discharge the said trust;

Visitors vested with power, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said visitors, on their subscribing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and taking the several oaths required of visitors of schools by the constitution and laws of this state, shall from thenceforth be, and are hereby vested with as full and ample powers as any visitors of schools have heretofore had and enjoyed.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to explain and amend the act (a) to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 24.

(a) October, 1780, ch. 38.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, on the sale by the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, of some lots and parcels of land in or near Baltimore town, some of the purchasers have tendered the first payment in certificates issued by the commissioner appointed to settle the accounts of the state troops, and it was the evident intention of the assembly, that the first payment should be in specie only, and the property would have sold for a much greater price, if the bidders and others had been informed or believed that such certificates would have been received in payment;

Purchasers to pay one fifth in specie, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any purchaser will pay unto the treasurer of the western shore one fifth part of the purchase money in specie, on or before the twentieth day of July next, and the residue in bills of credit, to wit, one half thereof on or before the tenth day of August next, and the remainder on or before the tenth day of September next, he shall be entitled to the land by him purchased, but in case of neglect in the first payment in specie, by the time above limited, the commissioners shall expose the land again for sale on the terms in the law directed, and the purchaser, on compliance therewith, shall have the land, and be warranted and secured therein by the public; and if the first payment be made as above limited, and the second neglected, the first shall be forfeited; and if default in the last payment (the second being made) no conveyance shall be given by the commissioners, till the last payment be made, with ten per cent. interest.

And may file bills, &c.

III. AND, whereas it is not the intention of this general assembly to preclude the established courts of justice from determining on the said contracts, or the execution thereof; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That in case any of the said purchasers shall determine to insist on a conveyance of the lands purchased, on the terms of making the first payment in certificates, on such purchaser filing his bill for that purpose in the court of chancery, on or before the tenth day of July next, the sale before directed shall not be made; or if the party shall choose, he may commence his actions for damages, and the state will, if any recovered, make good the same.

C H A P.