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subjects, within the description and intent of the act of the last session of assembly, 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 remain 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 of any other subject of this, or any subject of any other of the United States, and further excepting out of the said property of the Principio company the land on Whetstone Point, and also two hundred acres of the land of the said company on Patapsco river near Harris's creek, which two hundred acres are to be laid off by the commissioners herein after mentioned, and also all the property within this state of Anthony Bacon, John Eversfield, Andrew Buchanan, James Brown and company, Mackie, Spears and company, Mackie, Spears, French and company, James Christie, John Buchanan, John Glassford and company, the heirs of John Hyde, the heirs of Samuel Hyde, and the heirs of Thomas Bladen, and also the property within this state of the several persons following, who left this state before the formation of the new government, and appear to this general assembly, by presentment of the grand jury of the general court, to have adhered to the enemy, and thereby have elected to be British subjects, to wit: Daniel Dulany, son of Daniel, Daniel Dulany, son of Walter, and Henry Addison, clerk, Jonathan Boucher, clerk, and Anthony Stewart, excepting out of the said Henry Addison, his lands and other property in Prince-George's, excepting out of the property of the said Daniel Dulany, son of Walter, the real and personal property held by him in company or as a partner with others in iron-works, and also the five hundred acres of land, or thereabouts, on which George Fitzhugh lives, and which were laid out by the agent of the said Daniel Dulany, and excepting also out of the property of the said Daniel Dulany, son of Daniel, the real and personal property held by him in company or as a partner with others in iron-works; (provided always, and be it enacted, that if any of the said persons, as above presented, shall come into this state by the time limited by the act for the seizure, and confiscation of British property, and shall take a trial upon the said presentments, and shall be acquitted of the charges in the said presentments respectively, and all others which may be made for crimes committed against this state, and for acts which shew an election made to become British subjects, or to adhere to the king of Great-Britain, then this legislature doth engage that the state will repay the value of the estates by this act taken and sold to the person from whom taken, and (who shall come in and acquit himself as aforesaid,) shall and may be sold, by the commissioners appointed to procure confiscated British property, on the terms and in the manner herein after directed, to wit: That the terms of all the said sales shall be, that the purchasers shall, immediately on the sale, pay down the purchase money, or give bond to this state in double the same, with two good and sufficient securities, conditioned for payment of one third part of the purchase money in specie, at the rates aforesaid, or in the said bills of credit to the actual value thereof, on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, with legal interest thereon, one third part thereof, as aforesaid, on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, with legal interest thereon, and the other third part thereof, as aforesaid, on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, with legal interest thereon; that on such bond being given, possession of the premises shall be delivered, and a certificate of the purchase given by the commissioners to the purchaser, but the estate not to be divested out of this state until the purchase money and interest shall have been fully paid, on which a deed shall be given therefor.

To be laid off
in parcels, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That as to all the said lands before directed to be sold, except those of the persons commonly called by the name of the Principio Company, the same shall and may be laid off in convenient parcels by the commissioners aforesaid, as they may judge most advantageous, and by the said commissioners, one of them at least being present, exposed to sale on the premises, or at some public and convenient place in the county where the land lies, at auction, after four weeks previous notice of such sale in the Annapolis and Baltimore newspapers.

Commissioners
to inquire, &c.

XIV. AND, as to the property of the said persons commonly called by the name of the Principio Company, it being represented to this general assembly, that a certain Mr. Washington, a subject of the state of Virginia, is entitled to one undivided twelfth part thereof, and that the said Thomas Russell is entitled to one undivided eighth part of the remaining eleven twelfth parts thereof; BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, as soon as may be, inquire whether the said Mr. Washington, or any other subject of this or any of the United States, other than the said Thomas Russell, is entitled to any and what share or interest in the said property; and if the said commissioners