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XXIII.
Purchasers to
be secured.

XVII. 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.

What property
shall not be
sold, &c.

XVIII. AND 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 before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; and if any claim is put in to any part of the said lands, which shall appear well grounded in law or equity, or which the said commissioners shall have reason to believe the general assembly will admit, then the said commissioners shall delay selling the land or estate so claimed, and make return of the same, and the claim thereto, to the general assembly at their next session.

Commissioners
to receive
claims, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall receive all claims due to the subjects of this state, or the subjects of any other of the United States, from any of the persons whose estate is directed to be sold by this act; and the said commissioners shall certify to the treasurer the sums appearing to them to be probably due from the several and respective persons whose estates are ordered to be sold as aforesaid; and the said treasurer shall forbear issuing the said bills on the credit of such bonds, to the amount or value of the same so certified to be probably due, till the general assembly shall have taken order therein.

Subscriptions
to be taken, &c.

XX. AND, further to secure the punctual payment and redemption of the said bills of credit, BE IT ENACTED, That subscriptions be taken of any sum not less than one hundred pounds, to be paid in specie or in the said bills of credit, on or before the first day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, every subscriber giving in with his subscription a particular of free-hold estate or real chattels to the amount, according to the valuation thereof by the assessor, of double the sum subscribed, which said subscriptions shall be returned to and lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall, from the time of subscription, bind the estate particularised to pay the sum subscribed, in whosoever hands it may be.

Persons em-
powered to re-
ceive subscrip-
tions, &c.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each member of this general assembly, and the following persons, are empowered to receive subscriptions in their several and respective counties, to wit: In Saint-Mary's county, John Allen Thomas, Fitzhugh Mackay, Wilfred Neale, Ignatius Taylor and John De Butts; Kent county, colonel William Henry, John Page and Benjamin Chambers; Anne Arundel county, John Weems, William Harwood, Charles Wallace, Edward Gaiter, junior, and Philemon Warfield; Calvert county, Samuel Chew, Patrick Sim Smith, Samuel Hance, Alexander Somervell and Walter Smith; Charles county, Jonathan Yates, Francis Hemmerley, Joshua Sanders, Walter Hanson Jenifer and William M'Pherson; Baltimore county, Andrew Buchanan, Thomas Sollers, John Robert Holliday, Jesse Bussey, Thomas Craddock, James Calhoun and Daniel Bowley; Talbot county, John Bracco, John Gibson, Henry Banning, Joseph Bruff and Thomas Gordon; Somerset county, Thomas Hayward, Robert Dashiell, Salisbury, William Strawbridge, Joseph Venables and George Gale, of Levin; Dorchester county, James Murray, Joseph Daffin, Thomas Jones, John Smoot and Daniel Folling; Cæcil county, John Dockery Thompson, Henry Hollingsworth, Thomas Hughs, Benjamin Brevard and John Leach Night; Prince-George's county, William Lyles, Robert Bowie, John Waring, Baruch Duckett and George Digges; Queen-Anne's county, John Thompson, Charles Blake, William Wright, John Fisher and Benjamin Kirby; Worcester county, John Selby, Peter Chaille, Thomas Purnell, Sinepuxent, Ebenezer Handy and John Postley; Frederick county, Upton Sheredine, William Ritchie, William Winchester, junior, William Magruder and Thomas Darnall; Harford county, Richard Dallam, John Archer, Abraham Whitacre and Ignatius Wheeler, junior; Caroline county, Richard Mafon, Henry Dickinson, Henry Casson and Henry Downes; Washington county, Henry Schnebely, Joseph Sprigg, William Good, Nicholas Swingaly and Ely Williams; Montgomery county, Francis Deakins, Richard Wobton, William Deakins, Charles Greenbury Griffith and William Robertson.

Accounts to be
closed, &c.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That on the first day of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, the accounts concerning all the said bills of credit which shall have been issued shall be closed and settled, adding the interest which will grow due to the twenty-fifth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, to the possessors of the said bills, who may have carried the same into the treasury and taken receipts as aforesaid, deducting what shall have been received on the said bonds on account of the said tax, and from the said subscribers as such; and the balance, if any, shall be struck, and apportioned on the subscriptions then unpaid, and notice shall be immediately given in the

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