

C H A P. XXXVII.

Spanish dollar, or continental bills of credit emitted in this state at the real value thereof, and the purchase money, if not paid down, shall be secured by bonds, payable to this state; with such securities, in such proportions, and on the days, that bonds are to be taken and payable for British property sold under the said first mentioned act, and the like remedy and proceedings shall be had thereon for default of any payment; and in case any claims shall be made against the said estates which the commissioners may think just, they shall certify the amount thereof to the treasurer, who shall reserve as many bonds, or as much money arising from the sales of such estates, as shall amount to such claim or claims; and the said treasurers shall also keep apart in the treasury, bonds or money paid in to the amount of one third part of the residue of the property of any such person convicted or outlawed for treason, and such money or bonds shall be safely kept in the treasury until the general assembly shall take order therein.

Purchases warranted, &c.

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

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Passed 27th of June, 1781.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 60.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, begun and held at the CITY of ANNAPOLIS, on Monday, the 5th of November, in the year of our Lord 1781, and ended the 22d day of January, 1782; the following laws were enacted.

T H O M A S S I M L E E, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

Passed 22d of Jan. 1782.

C H A P. I. An ACT for the relief of Mary Polton. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 62. A Private Act.

C H A P. II. An ACT respecting the sale of the iron-works late belonging to James Russell and company. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 63.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the laying out the iron-works, late the property of James Russell and company, into small farms or parcels of land, will produce more money than by selling the same together or in tenths;

Commissioners to lay out property, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners for the sale of British property be authorized and directed to lay out the landed property of the iron-works, late belonging to James Russell and company, into small farms or parcels of land, and to sell the same at auction, (after not less than four weeks notice of the sale,) and also the remaining part of the property belonging to the said works, in such manner as in their opinions will be most productive on the sale, reserving to the forges as much of the Gunpowder falls and Long Caln and land as may be necessary to carry on the said forges, and laying out the residue of the stream into as many mill seats as may be, with a proper quantity of land on each side of the water.

To sell no more than sufficient to sink the bills, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners shall not sell any more of the property, pledged for the redemption of the bills emitted in virtue of the act (a) to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary, than what may be fully sufficient to sink the same with the interest thereon.

(a) June, 1780, ch. 24.

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