

CHAP. IV.

any of the state bills of credit emitted in the same month and year, shall be received in payment of the assessment aforesaid at the rate of two dollars for seven shillings and six pence current money.

Guardians may pay for infants, &c.

XL. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any person, whose property is chargeable with the rate by this act imposed, shall be under the age of twenty-one years, if the parent or guardian of such infant shall make payment, the same shall be allowed him in his account with such infant.

And executors for deceased persons, &c.

XLI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any executor or administrator shall have any personal estate of the deceased in his hands chargeable with the assessment imposed by this act, he may inform the assessor, and on payment of the rate the receipt of the collector shall be sufficient evidence to discharge such executor or administrator for the sum by him paid.

Commissary appointed, &c.

XLII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Benjamin Chambers, (who shall reside at the city of Annapolis,) shall be and he is hereby appointed commissary of provisions for this state for one year, to commence on the first day of January next, and he is hereby authorized from time to time to appoint deputies, (not less than one in each county,) for whose conduct he shall be answerable, and whom he may remove at his pleasure; and it is declared to be his duty to receive and take care of all provisions belonging to this state, and also to procure any provisions he may be authorized to purchase, and to superintend his deputies in the execution of their office, and, in case of purchase, to give them such particular instructions as may prevent them from raising the price, and to keep fair and regular accounts of the provisions of all kinds belonging to this state; and of the disposition thereof, and to transport the same to such places as he may be directed (in or out of this state) by the governor and council, and frequently to make known to the governor and council the state of the said provisions, and to render to them once in every four months, or oftener, (if by them required,) an account of all provisions in his possession or care.

Provisions to be delivered, &c.

XLIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all provisions shall be delivered over by the late commissaries for the eastern and western shores, and by the county commissaries, to the commissary, who shall also take into his possession and care all provisions collected or due in virtue of the act for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army, passed November session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and the act to raise the supplies for the present year; and the said commissary is empowered, with the advice of the governor and council, to sell any of the grain procured in virtue of the said act first mentioned, for the benefit of the public.

How a vacancy is to be filled.

XLIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case the said commissary shall die, refuse, or be rendered incapable to act, the governor and council may appoint another in his stead for the residue of the year; and the said commissary, (or person appointed in his stead,) shall, before he enters on the execution of his office, enter into bond, with two good and sufficient securities, such as the governor and council shall approve, in the sum of twenty thousand pounds current money, with condition, "that if the above bound ——— shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several duties required of him by law, then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force."

Commissary's allowance, &c.

XLV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissary shall be allowed at the rate of six hundred pounds current money by the year, in full satisfaction for his salary and travelling expences, and shall be reimbursed all sums of money by him necessarily expended in the execution of his office, and also entitled to a commission of three per cent. on the estimated price aforesaid of all beef, pork, wheat and flour; he may receive in virtue of his office.

A place to be assigned, &c.

XLVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissary of provisions shall, as soon as may be, assign a place for the delivery, receipt and curing, of the dead meat provisions which may be paid in each county in discharge of the rate aforesaid, and shall also appoint proper and convenient places, (preferring mills of reputation,) for the delivery and receipt of wheat and flour; and any person paying dead meat provisions, or wheat or flour, shall deliver the same at some place assigned for the delivery of such respective articles; and any person who shall pay beef alive, shall deliver the same to the commissary of provisions, or some one of his deputies, at the place appointed for the receipt thereof; and the deputy-commissary, or miller, who shall receive any of the said articles, shall give a receipt therefor, expressing the time and quantity of the articles received, and where the receipt shall be given by any miller, the person taking such receipt shall lodge the same, within twenty days thereafter, with the commissary, or his deputy in the county, who shall give a certificate thereof; and all receipts and certificates given by the commissary, or his deputies, shall be lodged with the collector, or his deputy, as vouchers on the settlement of the collector's account, and the collector, or his deputy,