

the auditor, and being examined by the governor and council, may be delivered by the claimant to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby directed to assign to him any bond or bonds, taken for the sale of the particular estate of which he was a creditor, that may be lodged in the treasury, or he may receive the money therefor, or a certificate, which may be discounted in taxes, at the option of the claimant or creditor, provided the same do not exceed the amount of the property sold as aforesaid.

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III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, are hereby authorized and directed to make sale, at public vendue, of so much of the property of such persons confiscated or forfeited as aforesaid, at one year's credit, with good bond and security; as will discharge the claims lodged as aforesaid; which said bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and may by him be assigned to any claimant or creditor, who had the account, claim, debt or demand, against the particular estate.

Property to be
sold, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when the just debts against any particular estate amount to more than the sales thereof, that it shall and may be lawful for the claimant or creditors aforesaid to receive a dividend, in proportion to each particular claims, giving preference to debts of superior quality and nature, as practised by the testamentary law; and when there shall be a surplus of such sales over and above what is sufficient to discharge the debts aforesaid, the same shall be paid into the treasury, subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

Claimant to
receive a divi-
dend, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where there shall be confiscation and appropriation of the property aforesaid, and not a sufficiency unappropriated and unsold to discharge the debts aforesaid, that in such case the treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to grant to such claimant or creditor a certificate, in current money, for his debt as aforesaid, or in such proportion as aforesaid, so far as the sale of the individual estate; which said certificate shall be paid as other public creditors, or discountable in taxes, at the option of the owner.

Treasurer to
grant certifi-
cates, &c.

C H A P. XXV.

An ACT proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment, on the terms therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 266.

Passed 15th of
Jan. 1783.

C H A P. XXVI.

An ACT for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 266.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and the council be requested to procure the galley or ship, now building for this state by Mr. Stephen Steward, to be finished as soon as possible, and to be fitted out before the first day of May next, and armed and manned, (with not less than thirty seamen, and seventy watermen and marines, if to be procured, besides officers,) and provided in every respect for a cruise within the bay, and the sea coast of this state, until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four; and the governor and the council are also requested to fit out the new barge called the Somerset, lately built at Salisbury, and the three barges called the Terrible, the Fearnought, and the Defence, with sails, oars, cannon and swivels, and cause them to be well manned, and in every respect provided for a cruise within the bay or inlets, and in concert with the said ship or galley, if so directed, until the said first day of January; and the governor and the council are authorized and requested to appoint and commission a captain and first and second lieutenant, (brave and experienced seamen or mariners,) to command the said ship or galley, and a captain and lieutenant of marines for the said vessel, and a captain and first and second lieutenant for each of the said barges, and a skilful surgeon, with one or more mates, as they may think necessary; and they may allow to such officers such pay, according to their rank, in current money, and such rations and privileges, as they may think proper; and the captain of the ship or galley shall have the command of the barges when cruising in concert, and the captain of the barges shall have command as the governor and council may direct; and the governor and council are requested to procure all necessaries, and hospital and other stores, for the use of the officers and men, and to appoint proper persons to superintend the fitting out the said ship or galley and barges, and to enlist the seamen, watermen and marines; and the governor and council may direct what bounty and pay shall be given to them respectively, and are requested to keep a separate account of the receipts and expenditures of all money applied to this service; provided, that the fitting out of the whole or any part of the force allotted for the defence of the state be left to the discretion of the governor and council.

Galley to be
finished, &c.

II. AND,