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1788:

vember session, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and one other act, entitled, An act to continue an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes, passed October session, seventeen hundred and eighty, shall be and they are hereby continued until the end of the next session of the general assembly, in the parts thereof which are not altered by this act.

C H A P.
XLVII.

II. And be it enacted, That instead of the poundage fees allowed to the sheriff by the said first mentioned act, he be allowed only at the rate of seven and a half *per cent.* for the first ten pounds in money, or one thousand pounds of tobacco, and the rate of three *per cent.* for the residue, in the same species the execution shall issue for; and that where execution or attachment shall be made on lands held for years, or a greater estate, only one half of the poundage fees allowed by this act shall be chargeable, but if the estate in the land shall not be chargeable by appraisement, and delivered to the plaintiff, or by sale of the sheriff, one quarter part of the poundage allowed by this act shall be chargeable.

Poundage fee,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That from all attorneys, clerks of the general and county courts fees, there shall be a deduction of one fifth.

Deduction to
be made.

IV. This act to continue until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall be held in November next.

Continuance.

C H A P. XLVIII.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Passed De-
cember 23.
Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears, by the journal of accounts and list of debts of this session, that there is now due from this state the sum of six thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine pounds eleven shillings and three-pence;

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore shall, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the journal of accounts aforesaid of this present session.

Treasurer to
pay claims,
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That all or any of the public creditors on the journal may have their election to receive a certificate or certificates from the treasurer of the western shore, signed by him, and expressing in the whole of such certificates the sum of current money due to such creditor or creditors respectively, which certificates shall be payable to the collectors of taxes due on any public assessment, or in the treasury for interest due, or composition on certificates; and any collector may pay any such certificates into the treasury as specie, without any oath concerning the receipt thereof; and if any of the said certificates shall not be so discounted, the treasurer of the western or eastern shore shall receive the said certificates, and pay the money due thereon to the bearer out of any money in the treasury; and the treasurer of the western shore shall, on the request of any person having an allowance on the said journal, and not taking a certificate as aforesaid, retain in his hands, of the money which shall first come into the treasury, sufficient wherewith to satisfy such allowance, or the balance thereof, for which a certificate shall not have been given, and shall pay the same to the person to whom the same is due, or his order.

Creditors may
receive certi-
ficates, &c.

C H A P. XLIX.

An ACT to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes.

Passed De-
cember 23.

WHEREAS many persons have made discoveries of British property to the governor and council, the late intendant and agent of the state, and have made application to purchase the same upon the terms held out by law to the discoverers: And whereas there is no person invested with au-

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