

C H A P.
LV.

and if such debtor shall refuse to discharge his or her debt with any of the aforesaid articles, having such for sale, or making sale of any of the aforesaid articles to any other person than his or her creditor, after such offer made as aforesaid (except so much as may be necessary to pay taxes or procure him or her the necessaries of life) that in all such cases the creditor of such debtor shall be at full liberty to commence or prosecute his or her suit or suits.

Debtor to
give bond,
&c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That for all debts on open accounts, or promissory notes, created or made before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, the debtor shall be compelled to give bond and security, including interest, to commence on such account or promissory note at the expiration of twelve months after the same was created or made, or pay the interest, in current money, bills of credit as aforesaid, or any of the above enumerated articles, at his or her option, and give bond and security for the principal; and in case any debtor shall refuse to comply with the terms aforesaid, the creditor may bring suit, notwithstanding this act,

Suits not to be
commenced
on renewed
obligations,
&c.

IV. **And,** whereas many debtors may have renewed their obligations or contracts for debts or promises aforesaid, created or made within the time aforesaid, **Be it enacted,** That no action or suit shall be commenced or prosecuted on any such renewed obligation or promise within the time aforesaid, unless the debtor shall refuse or neglect to pay the interest in manner aforesaid, or hath removed, or shall be about to remove, himself or his effects out of the state; and the court shall, *ex officio*, inquire into such action or suit, and discontinue the same, if prosecuted contrary to this act.

Time not to
be taken as
time limited,
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the time between the passing this act and the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, shall not be taken as part of the time limited by law for prosecuting suits; and if any defendant shall plead the act of limitations, the plaintiff may, on the general replication, give this act and the special matter in evidence, without specially pleading the same.

C H A P. LVI.

An ACT for vesting an estate for life in Ariana Kennedy, and an estate in fee-simple in John Lynch and Mary his wife, in the property therein mentioned. *PR.*

C H A P. LVII.

An Act to empower George Gray to sell the lots and houses in Port-Tobacco, formerly belonging to James Jamieson, and confiscated by this state, and to collect the debts due to the said James Jamieson, and Jamieson, Johnston, and company, and to apply the same as far as his claim extends. *PR.*

C H A P. LVIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to raise recruits.

Directing more British property to be sold for the purpose, &c. &c.

C H A P. LIX.

An ACT for the sale of certain confiscated British property.

For the purpose of supplying congress.

C H A P. LX.

An ACT respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases.

Property
seized to be
claimed by
March, &c.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where the commissioners have taken into possession real or personal property, supposing the same to be the property of the state, every person claiming any right or interest in the same, shall deliver to the commissioners his claim in writing, on or before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and every person who has already put in any claim to such property taken into possession by the commissioners, shall prosecute his action for the recovery of the same, on or before the said first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three.