

due, if any day appointed for payment, according to the above rule laid down, by comparing the value of the paper money due, or paid by, the state, with gold or silver; and any claims so stated, liquidated and passed, by the auditor-general, or his deputy, shall be laid before the governor and the council, who, after examination thereof, and correcting any error therein, may give their order on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum due, in specie, who shall give a certificate for the sum expressed in the order, payable to the person, or bearer, in specie, of the value of seven shillings and six-pence for a Spanish milled dollar, and bearing an annual interest of six *per cent*.

C H A P. XVII.

III. And be it enacted, That interest shall be allowed on all debts due from the state, from the day the same ought to have been paid, and included in the certificate to be given as aforesaid; and this state will, as soon as possible, discharge the principal, or such part thereof as may be in their power, and if the public finances will not permit, then the general assembly will provide funds for the punctual payment of the interest.

Interest to be allowed, &c.

IV. And, whereas for goods and articles of produce taken or furnished for the use of the army on the credit of this state, such very different prices or valuations have been set and certified, that in many instances individuals will, if the legislature does not interfere, receive double the price of others for the like article; **Be it enacted**, That the auditor, with the approbation of the governor and council, may, and he is hereby directed, in liquidating and ascertaining in specie any account or certificate for goods or produce furnished, or taken or seized, settle and adjust the same, according to the true and real value of such articles at the time and place the same was furnished or seized, according to the common selling price of such articles at such time and place; but if the party shall think himself aggrieved by such settlement, the auditor is required to forbear certifying the said settlement, and to lay the same before the general assembly at their next session thereafter.

Auditor to adjust accounts for goods, &c.

V. And, whereas certificates under the act for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes, passed in March session seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, issued on divers days, and bearing different dates, and therefore the settlement thereof by the general rule before laid down would not do equal justice; **Be it enacted**, That all certificates and claims under the said act shall be settled and adjusted, as if the same were granted, or due and payable, on the seventeenth day of March, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight.

How claims on the journal are to be settled, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to encourage the destroying of wolves.

To continue one year, &c. Continued until the end of the next session by the act of November, 1783, ch. 32. Expired.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to enable the visitors of Anne-Arundel county school to qualify themselves to execute their trust.

By subscribing a declaration of belief in the christian religion, and by taking the several oaths required of visitors of schools by the constitution and laws of the state.

C H A P. XX.

An ACT to explain and amend the act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS, on the sale by the commissioners appointed to preserve Preamble. confiscated British property, of some lots and parcels of land in or near Baltimore-town, some of the purchasers have tendered the first payment in certificates issued by the commissioner appointed to settle the accounts of the state troops, and it was the evident intention of the assembly, that the first payment should be in specie only, and the property would have sold for a much greater price, if the bidders and others had been informed or believed that such certificates would have been received in payment;