

hundred and ninety-two, proclamate any of the said lots, such person or persons paying such composition money thereon as the original settlers were to pay for the same.

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III. AND, whereas some of the said settlers have not paid any part of the valuation heretofore made by the said commissioners appointed to value said lots, BE IT ENACTED, That if any such settler shall not, on or before the first day of May next, pay to the treasurer of the western shore one third at least of the amount of the valuation of the land occupied by him or her at the time of the valuation, the same shall and may forthwith be sold and disposed of within the county where the property lies, by a fit and proper person, to be appointed by the governor and council, at public or private sale, as may be thought most advantageous to the state, at not less than five shillings per acre; and the person so appointed shall take bond, with approved security, for the purchaser to pay one third thereof on or before the first day of September next, one other third on or before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and the remaining third in twelve months thereafter, with interest on the whole.

If settlers do not pay, land to be sold, &c.

IV. AND, whereas there are settlers on other lots than those heretofore disposed of, BE IT ENACTED, That the person so to be appointed be and he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of, within the county where the property lies, all such lots, giving a preference to those who at present occupy the same, at not less than three shillings and nine-pence per acre, the purchaser giving bond, with approved security, payable as aforesaid.

Person authorized to sell, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the person to be appointed as aforesaid may sell and dispose of, within the county where the property lies, all the surplus lots heretofore appropriated, at public or private sale, at not less than one shilling and eight-pence per acre, and shall take bonds, with approved security, payable as aforesaid.

Surplus lots to be sold, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of the land-office be and he is hereby directed to issue a patent to any of the settlers before mentioned who shall have complied with his contract, including all such lots as may be contiguous to each other in one patent.

Register to issue a patent, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be allowed and paid to the person to be appointed as aforesaid to sell the said lands ten per cent. on the amount of the property sold, and for which bonds, with approved security, shall be taken and lodged in the treasury.

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VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all vacant lands in the said county may hereafter be taken up by common or special warrant, or warrant of reurvey, in the usual manner, at two shillings and six-pence current money per acre, one half to be paid at the time of obtaining the warrant, and the other half on the return of the certificate; provided, that all warrants already issued shall be compounded on agreeably to the law under which they were respectively obtained.

Vacant land may be taken up, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all bonds taken in consequence of this act shall be a lien on the lands of the obligors from the date thereof.

Bonds to be a lien.

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An ACT concerning the bank stock. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 541.

Passed 20th of Dec. 1791. Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by Samuel Chase, Esquire, agent and trustee respecting the said stock, that on obtaining a decree in the chancery court of Great-Britain for the said stock, and an assignment and transfer thereof, the power to sell the said stock and remit the money arising from the sales thereof, or to lodge the same in some banker's hands, and the execution of other duties vested in and required of him by law and his instructions, cannot be performed but in person only, and therefore that he must go to London for these purposes; and the said Samuel Chase having requested this general assembly to excuse and relieve him from that necessity, and this general assembly being willing to grant his application,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Samuel Chase, Esquire, the agent and trustee of this state for the recovery of the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state, on obtaining a decree in the chancery court of Great-Britain for the said stock, and an assignment and transfer thereof from the accountant-general of the said court of chancery, and for payment of any money in the hands of the said accountant-general, or in the hands of Sylvanus Grove, late and only surviving trustee of the said stock, and not invested in the purchase of stock, be authorized and

Agent, on recovery, to assign the stock, &c.