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was owing to the advice of one of the witnesses, who informed the said Joseph Watson that no greater number was requisite; and this general assembly thinking that it would be unjust, that the state should take advantage of the defect in the said writing, to the utter ruin of the said Mary Polton and her family:

Estate vested
in Mary Pol-
ton, &c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an estate in fee simple shall be and is hereby veited in the said Mary Polton, of and in all the real estate that the said Joseph Watson was seised, possessed of, or any ways entitled unto, at the time of his death, any claim or title of the said state, of or in the same or any part thereof, as escheat property, or otherwise, notwithstanding.

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An ACT respecting the sale of the iron-works late belonging to James Russell and company.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that the laying out the iron-works, late the property of James Russell and company, into small farms or parcels of land, will produce more money than by selling the same together or in tenths:

Commission-
ers to lay out
landed pro-
perty, &c. in-
to small
farms, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners for the sale of British property be authorized and directed to lay out the landed property of the iron-works, late belonging to James Russell and company, into small farms or parcels of land, and to sell the same at auction (after not less than four weeks notice of the sale) and also the remaining part of the property belonging to the said works, in such manner as in their opinions will be most productive on the sale, reserving to the forges as much of the Gunpowder-falls and Long-calm and land as may be necessary to carry on the said forges, and laying out the residue of the stream into as many mill seats as may be, with a proper quantity of land on each side of the water.

To sell no
more proper-
ty than suffi-
cient to sink
the bills, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall not sell any more of the property, pledged for the redemption of the bills emitted in virtue of the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary, than what may be fully sufficient to sink the same with the interest thereon.

To sell the re-
sidue for other
bills, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall sell the residue of the said property at auction, after not less than four weeks notice, for the bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by the resolves of convention; and shall take bonds, with two good and sufficient securities, conditioned for payment of one third of the purchase money, in the said bills of credit, on or before the first day of September seventeen hundred and eighty-two, with legal interest thereon, one third part thereof, as aforesaid, on or before the first day of September seventeen hundred and eighty-three, with legal interest thereon, and the other third part thereof, as aforesaid, on

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