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pounds for every refusal or neglect; and the said intendant is to adopt some mode to obtain the amount of the claims of the public creditors, on certificates, unsettled accounts, or otherwise.

To keep ac-
count of ex-
penditures,
&c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said intendant be authorized to inspect all expenditures of the state, (ever keeping in view that prudence and œconomy are essentially necessary) and to keep an account thereof, and to inspect all records, books, papers and accounts, in any office; and all letters to or from his office shall be deemed public letters, and shall be forwarded as such; and it is declared to be his duty to prepare estimates of the yearly expenditures, and to arrange and state in one view, every branch or source of revenue, and the amount or value of each; and the general heads of the yearly expenditures, and the whole amount thereof; and to strike the balance of the expences, and the funds, and to lay them before the general assembly, at their annual meeting in November seventeen hundred and eighty five, with his opinion as to the ways and means to procure the supplies; and it is declared to be the duty of the said intendant, to report his opinion if any officer or department is more expensive than necessary; and to render an account at every session of his office and the transactions therein; and the said intendant is to consult and advise with the governor and the council on the state and management of the revenue, and public monies and tobacco, and the demands and debts of government; and on complaint made by the said intendant of mal-conduct by any of the officers under his control, the governor and council, on sufficient proof thereof on hearing, or on default or delay to appear on notice, may remove such officer and appoint another in his place; and the said intendant may appoint a discreet and prudent person, skilful in accounts, to be his assistant, who, before he acts in his office, shall take an oath to keep secret, and not to disclose, directly or indirectly, to any person, any matter or thing which he shall be directed by his principal to keep secret, unless to the senate or house of delegates, when required.

To give bond,
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That the said intendant, before he enters on the execution of his office, shall give bond before the governor and the council, with two good securities, in the sum of twenty thousand pounds current money, with condition for the diligent and faithful performance of the several duties required of him by this act; and he shall also take an oath, faithfully and impartially to discharge the trust reposed in him by this act, to the best of his skill and knowledge.

In case of re-
fusal, &c. go-
vernor may
appoint, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That if the said intendant shall refuse to act, resign, remove out of the state, or die, in the recess of the general assembly, the governor, with the advice of the council, may appoint a fit and proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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An ACT to empower James Wignell to sell the real estate of John Ashburner, deceased, for the payment of his debts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS James Wignell, attorney in fact of James Gildart, of Great-Britain, merchant, by his humble petition to this general assembly did set forth, that John Ashburner, on the twenty-fifth day of March seventeen hundred and seventy-one, entered into partnership with a certain James Gildart, of the town of Liverpool, and Thomas Place, of Baltimore-town, the said Ashburner and Place being each interested seven twenty-fourths and the said James Gildart being interested ten twenty-fourths in the said partnership, which said partner-