

II. Be it enacted, *by the general assembly of Maryland*, That any citizen of this state, having any claim against this state for money, may commence and prosecute his action at law for the same against this state as defendant, by issuing a summons directed to the attorney-general, and sending with such summons a short note expressing the cause of action, and such person may declare, that the state is indebted unto him in any sum he thinks proper, and the attorney-general shall plead thereto, and the issue shall be made up, and the jury shall try such issue or issues, and if they find for the plaintiff, they may assess such damages as they may think just, and the same shall be paid by the state, and with costs, if the jury find more due to the plaintiff than admitted by the auditor, but if the jury find for the state, the plaintiff shall pay costs of suit, and be liable to execution therefor; and the attorney-general shall exhibit the claim of the state, if any, and if the jury shall find that the plaintiff is indebted to the state, they may find accordingly, and judgment may thereupon be entered and given against him for such sum and costs of suit, and such plaintiff may appeal in the same manner as private persons can by law appeal in suits between them, on giving bond with security, and the attorney-general may also appeal if he thinks proper.

C H A P.
LIII.
Actions may
be commen-
ced against
the state, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That where any person shall file a bill in chancery against the state, that process shall and may be served on the attorney-general, which service shall be effectual to all intents and purposes, according to the notice of the process issued; provided, that where any injunction is prayed to stay proceedings at law for the payment of any debt claimed by the state, the chancellor shall not order such injunction on the affidavit of the complainant only, but shall be fully satisfied by other proof, that the material facts in the complainant's bill are true.

Process to be
served on at-
torney-gene-
ral, &c.

C H A P. LIV.

An ACT respecting certain certificates and plots.

WHEREAS by an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, it is enacted, that any certificates and plots of survey, which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office for the western shore, on or before the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, by any person who has been appointed by the intendant to survey any of the aforesaid lands, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned by the surveyor of the county: And whereas several of the certificates and plots have not been returned agreeably to the above recited act, owing to the inclemency of the weather in the months of November and December last past, and for other reasons;

Passed Janua-
ry 20.
Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, *by the general assembly of Maryland*, That any certificates and plots of survey, which shall or may be returned to the register of the land-office for the western shore, on or before the fifteenth day of April next, shall be received by the examiner-general, and be of the same validity as if they had been executed and returned agreeable to the time mentioned in the act above in part recited.

Certificates
returned shall
be received,
&c.

RESOLUTIONS assented to November session, 1786.

RESOLVED, That no allowance be made to any collector for certificates suggested to be received before the sixth day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, for the taxes imposed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and which became payable in seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and seventeen hundred and eighty-five, before the collector shall make oath, to be administered by either of the treasurers, that the certificates offered to be paid was, before the sixth day of December aforesaid, *bond fide* received from, or discounted with, the persons liable to pay the said taxes in the respective years in which