

VIII. And be it enacted, That if the said Zephaniah Turner shall decline or refuse to act, 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 act as commissioner to audit and settle the pay and accounts of the officers and soldiers aforesaid, and to hold such office until the meeting of the general assembly.

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IX. And be it enacted, That the following scale of depreciation shall be the rule by which the said commissioner shall be governed in the settlement of the accounts against the said officers and soldiers, provided that the said scale of depreciation shall not hereafter be taken as a precedent in the payment of public creditors. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven; January, one and half; February, one and half; March, two; April, two and half; May, two and half; June, two and half; July, three; August, three; September, three; October, three; November, three; December, four. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight; January, four; February, five; March, five; April, six; May, five; June, four; July, four; August, five; September, five; October, five; November, six; December, six. One thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine; January, eight; February, ten; March, ten and half; April, seventeen; May, twenty-four; June, twenty; July, nineteen; August, twenty; September, twenty-four; October, thirty; November, thirty-eight and half; December, forty-one and half. One thousand seven hundred and eighty; January, forty and an half; February, forty-seven and an half; March, sixty-one and an half; April, sixty-one and an half; May, fifty-nine; June, sixty-one and an half; July, sixty-four and an half.

Scale of de-  
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X. And be it enacted, That the said commissioner shall be entitled to receive twenty-five shillings *per diem* in real money, or the value, for every day he shall attend in the execution of his office in pursuance of this act within the state, and thirty-five shillings like money for every day he shall attend in pursuance of this act out of the state.

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XI. And, effectually to secure the payment of the money due on the said certificates, with interest thereon at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* from the said first day of August last, Be it enacted, That the lands commonly called Talbot's or New Connought Manor, in Cecil county, My Lady's Manor in Baltimore, or Baltimore and Harford counties, and Monococy Manor in Frederick county, being British property, and seized and confiscated as such, by the act of this present session to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, shall be and are hereby set apart and burthened and charged with the payment of the money and interest aforesaid due on the said certificates, and the same shall be raised out of the said lands, by sales thereof, in such manner as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and the said certificates shall and may be received, for the principal and interest due thereon, as specie, rating Spanish dollars as seven shillings and six-pence each, in payment for the said lands, or any other British property to be sold in this state, except that specially engaged to sink the new state bills of credit, and such as is or shall be specially engaged for the security and payment of loans to be made to this state; provided, that in case so many of the said certificates shall be paid in on the sales of other property, as that the said manors shall be greatly more than sufficient and adequate security for the residue, the general assembly may apply to any other purposes any part of the said manors, leaving amply sufficient to secure the full payment of the other outstanding certificates.

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XII. And it is hereby declared, That it is not the intention of this general assembly to disturb the tenants or settlers on the lands aforesaid, engaged as security for payment of the certificates to be granted in pursuance of this act, but that the tenants or settlers shall be indulged in the purchase of the parts they respectively occupy or possess, on one tenth part below their true value, on the following terms of payment, to wit: One seventh part to be paid within three months after the contract, and one seventh part, with yearly interest on the whole that may be due, yearly thereafter, till the whole shall be paid.

Tenants may  
purchase the  
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possess, &c.