

C H A P.
XLV.

the purchaser, grantee or devisee, shall either pay the difference of value, or shall be considered as a mortgagee only for the security of the debt due with interest.

Confiscated
property sub-
ject to disposal
of general
assembly

XIV. **And be it enacted,** That all British property confiscated in virtue of this act, and not thereby appropriated for the redemption of the bills of credit lately emitted by this state, and for the payment of debts, shall be subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

C H A P. XLVI.

An ACT relating to the treble tax imposed on nonjurors and absentees.

Treble tax
remitted, &c.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the treble tax which nonjurors were liable to pay, and which has been heretofore suspended by the several acts of assembly, shall be and is hereby remitted, and the said nonjurors are hereby for ever discharged therefrom; and the treble tax which nonjurors will be liable to pay under the act of this session to raise the supplies for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, shall be collected from such nonjurors, unless the commissioners of the tax where such nonjuror resides, or where his property is taxed, shall be fully satisfied, and in their judgment and conscience believe, that the neglect of such nonjuror to take the oath or affirmation required by the act for the better security of the government, did not proceed from attachment to Great-Britain, or disaffection to this state or its independence, but from scruples of conscience only; in which case the commissioners may direct the collector to suspend the collection of the said treble tax from such nonjuror, and shall report the name of such person and his case to the next general assembly.

To be collect-
ed on absen-
tees, &c.

II. **And be it enacted,** That the treble tax, which absentees are liable to pay under the act for the better security of the government, shall be duly collected, and the justices of the several county courts shall make diligent inquiry after such absentees, and return their names (if not already done) to the governor and council; and the collectors of the several counties shall levy the same treble tax on the property of all absentees liable to pay the same, under the penalty of being answerable therefor in case of neglect, with an interest of ten *per cent*.

C H A P. XLVII.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Beall, of Washington county. *PR.*

C H A P. XLVIII.

A Supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

Black state and continental state money shall be received in payment, at the rate of two dollars for one silver dollar, that being its present value, but should it appreciate, the commissioners are to ascertain the rate at which it shall be received.

C H A P. XLIX.

An ACT to appoint commissioners to preserve confiscated British property.

Commis-
sioners appoint-
ed, &c.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That William Paca, Uriah Forrest, and Clement Hollyday, Esquires, or any two of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of preserving all British property, seized and confiscated by the act of the present session, to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state; and that the said commissioners shall be, and are hereby declared to be, in the full and actual seizin and possession of all British property seized and confiscated by the said act, without any office formed entry, or other act to be done; and the said commissioners shall and may, as soon as may be, appoint proper persons, in all cases that they may think necessary, to enter into and take possession of any part of the said property, and to preserve and keep the same from waste and destruction, or to occupy and employ the same for the benefit of the public, and to inventory the same, or any other of the said property, which the said commissioners may not think proper or necessary to put into the keeping of any person as afore-
said;