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except New Connaught manor in Cæcil county, and such part of My Lady's manor and reserves as are settled on, and to the purchase of which a preference was given by the law of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, be sold by the intendant of the revenue as soon as may be, for current money or all certificates before mentioned, payable on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, with interest annually.

Bonds to be
given, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That every purchaser of confiscated British property, who hath not given bond, shall give bond before the first day of April next, with such security as the commissioners for the sale and preservation of confiscated British property, under the direction of the intendant of the revenue, shall require, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, agreeably to the contract, payable on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, with interest annually, to commence from the first day of September last; which indulgence of payment till the year seventeen hundred and ninety, shall not extend to such bonds as may be drawn for the redemption of emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, but they shall be paid at the same time as others drawn, notwithstanding the time of payment mentioned in such bonds; and if any purchaser or purchasers of confiscated British property shall neglect or omit to give bond with security as aforesaid, on or before the first day of April as aforesaid, the intendant of the revenue is hereby authorized and empowered, and expressly directed, to enforce, by the mode directed by the ninth clause of the act passed April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases, payment of the principal and interest due by contract from such purchaser or purchasers, if the said intendant shall judge such purchaser or purchasers able to pay the same, and if unable, the contract shall be void, and shall be so declared by the said intendant, and the property shall be exposed to a second sale by the commissioners aforesaid, under the direction aforesaid, for current money, or all certificates before mentioned, payable the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, with interest annually; and in such case the intendant of the revenue may direct suit to be brought against the first purchaser or purchasers, to recover damages, for the use or any waste committed by him or them on the premises; or the intendant, with the consent of such first purchaser or purchasers, may settle the damages, or have them ascertained by arbitrators indifferently chosen, and acting under oath; and in any such suit so to be brought, it shall only be necessary for the attorney-general to issue a writ in trespass on the case in the name of this state, and to declare that such purchaser or purchasers have unjustly had the use and possession of the property belonging to the state, for the time such use and possession hath continued, and hath or have committed damage or waste thereon, upon which such purchaser or purchasers shall plead not guilty, and thereupon the merits of the cause shall be fully tried, and judgment shall be given and execution issue for such damage as may be assessed.

Preference
given to te-
nants on New
Connaught
manor, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the tenants of New Connaught manor have the preference of purchasing such parts of the said manor as they now possess under any lease from or under the title of Talbot, or any of the late proprietors of this state, on payment of a reasonable and moderate valuation, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid, on giving bonds with good security to pay the principal on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, and to pay the interest annually; and that the value of such lands, without the improvements thereon, be determined by the intendant of the revenue, or by any two or three persons on oath, to be nominated by him, such persons to be indifferent, and not living in Cæcil county, or within fifty miles thereof; and thereout shall be deducted the leases for lives or years, in the computation whereof the length of the term for years, the age and health of the tenant for life, and the chance of the reversion, shall be considered; and if the said tenants shall refuse or neglect to purchase, the said intendant of the revenue shall sell the same, on the same credit, for the highest price he can procure, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid.

XII. **And**