

by the United States in congress assembled within the said time, and a commission shall be issued by the governor to the said delegates in form aforesaid. C H A P. LXXX.

C H A P. LXXXI.

An ACT for the discovery of confiscated British property.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to call on all persons having confiscated British property in their possession, or the title papers thereof or relating thereto, to discover and make known, and deliver up the same; and if the said intendant has probable and good ground to suspect, that any person holds the same in trust for any British subject, or conceals the same, or any deeds, writings, or evidence of the title to such property, he may and shall direct the attorney-general to file a bill in the high court of chancery, on behalf of this state, for the discovery of such trust or concealed property, and for delivering up such deeds, writings, and evidence of title to the same, and thereupon proceedings shall be had, and decree made, according to the rules of the high court of chancery in such cases. Intendant to cause papers to be delivered up, &c.

II. **And be it enacted,** That if any person having possession of any confiscated British property, and not having a fair claim of title thereto, or having obtained the possession of any property formerly belonging to any British subject, in virtue of any gift, grant, sale, devise or conveyance, made or executed since the nineteenth of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and before the first of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared to be a British subject by the act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, with intent and design to cover and protect such property from confiscation, or by any conveyance, gift, grant, sale or devise, made since the first of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared a British subject as aforesaid, not *bonâ fide* in pursuance of some contract or agreement made before that day in writing, or for the just payment of a debt due before that day by the person making such grant, conveyance or sale, to the person receiving the same, and shall not discover the same property, and the circumstances under which the same is held, and deliver up the same and the title papers thereof to the intendant of the revenue, by the first day of January, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, such person shall forfeit one fourth of the value of the property; and if any person having possession of any such property shall voluntarily discover the same, the intendant shall have full power and authority to sell the same to such person at a reasonable price, secured to be paid to this state, and after the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, the intendant, on waving the penalty, may direct a bill to be filed as aforesaid, against any person having possession of such property. Forfeiture on person having possession of B. property, &c.

C H A P. LXXXII.

An ACT to empower Charles Steuart, administrator of John Bennett, to dispose of the real estate of the said John Bennett for the payment of his debts. *PR.*

C H A P. LXXXIII.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

C H A P. LXXXIV.

An ACT to impose duties on certain enumerated articles imported into and exported out of this state, and on all other goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That from and after this present session, the following duties shall be and are hereby imposed on the articles herein after enumerated, and upon all other goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state, to wit: Madeira wine, six-pence per gallon; port wine and claret, four-pence per gallon; all other wines, three-pence per gallon; all kinds of distilled spirits, two-pence per gallon; coffee, five shillings per hundred weight; loaf sugar, six shillings per hundred weight; brown sugar, one shilling per hundred weight; green tea, nine-pence per pound; Duties on imports, &c.
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