

quire, and give notice to the attorney-general, who is hereby required to proceed immediately to the recovery of the said debts in manner aforesaid. C H A P.  
XLVII.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That the creditors of the state, to whom the funds created by the consolidating act were pledged, shall receive their interest annually on the first day of December. Interest to be  
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nally, &c.

XVII. **And be it enacted,** That the debtors in all bonds which were liable to assignment to the creditors of persons whose estates were confiscated, or who were attainted of treason, and of which no assignment has been required by the said creditors, shall be entitled to the indulgence of this act, on complying with the terms and conditions herein before prescribed. Debtors enti-  
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gence, &c.

XVIII. **And,** whereas no provision hath been made for assessing and collecting the two shilling and six-penny fund tax for any year subsequent to the year seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, **Be it further enacted,** by the authority aforesaid, That all the proceedings of the late commissioners of the tax in such of the counties within this state wherein measures have been taken by them for the collection of the said tax for the present year, be and the same are hereby made valid and confirmed; and all bonds executed by any collectors by them appointed for securing the collection thereof, are hereby made effectual, to all intents and purposes, and the respective obligors in such bonds mentioned, shall be and are hereby bound by the terms and tenor thereof, in like manner as if such bonds had been executed according to any law heretofore made for assessing and collecting the said tax, and the said collectors shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as are provided by any such law for securing the collection thereof; and the governor and council are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint three commissioners in each respective county within this state, for assessing and securing the collection of the said tax for the two next succeeding years, and also for the present year in such of the counties where no proceedings have been had, from a supposed defect of power for collecting the same; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and required to meet at the court-houses in their respective counties, and to take the necessary measures to effect the collection of the said fund tax for the two next succeeding years, and also for the present year in such of the counties where no steps have been taken for this purpose; and in the appointment of collectors, and in making the necessary regulations for the punctual collection of the said tax, the commissioners shall be governed by the rules and provisions laid down by the act for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, on the valuation of property on which the assessment was levied and collected for that year; and the said commissioners shall, on application by any person interested, or without such application when they shall have knowledge of the change, make such alterations in the assessment of that year, as any change of property or time, or other circumstances, may render necessary; and the collectors of the said fund tax, instead of four, shall be allowed six *per cent.* for the collection. Proceedings  
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XIX. **And,** whereas there remains a quantity of confiscated British property which was not sold either by the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, or the late intendant or agent of the state: And whereas several discoveries have been made of confiscated property since the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, but for want of a power in the governor and council to make a composition, the necessary papers cannot be procured, so as to sell the right of the state; therefore, **Be it enacted,** That the governor and council be and they are hereby empowered and directed to dispose of all confiscated British property now remaining unsold as aforesaid, for depreciation or liquidated state certificates, to be paid in three equal yearly payments, on bonds to be given by the purchaser, with approved security, the property of principal and security to be bound in the same manner, and under the limitations, herein before prescribed, and to give due notice in the several newspapers within the state, and such other notice as they may think proper, of the terms and time of sale, and to appoint a proper person to sell the same. Governor,  
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