

C H A P. L. whose property may be so purchased; and any property so purchased for the use of this state, the said agent may again expose to public auction, on the most advantageous terms for the interest of the said state, and if the same be sold on credit, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient securities to be approved of by the treasurers of the respective shores, from the several purchasers of such property; and all bonds by him so taken, shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, into the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from their respective dates.

On collectors paying, right to property re-vested, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any of the collectors, or their securities, whose property was purchased by the respective agents during the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, for the use of this state, shall pay the balances or sums of money for which such property was so purchased, by any of the periods to be limited by the agent appointed by this act, such balances or sums of money shall be received by the treasurer of the respective shore, and thereupon the right and title of this state shall be re-vested in the said collector, or his securities, as the case may be, and they shall be severally in as of their former estate, such purchase on the part of this state notwithstanding.

Agent to render a fair account, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act, to the general assembly at their next or succeeding session, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services, not exceeding a commission of two and one half *per cent.* upon all monies paid into the treasury of the western shore in virtue of his agency, to be ascertained by the discretion of the governor and council.

And receive no certificates without an oath, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall not be authorized to receive from any collector, or his securities, in virtue of this act, any certificates receivable in taxes, without an oath (as required by law) that such certificates were actually received from the people for taxes, unless where indulgence shall be given by the said agent to such collector on the terms herein after prescribed.

Where indulgence is given, bond to be a lien, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in all cases where indulgence is given by the said agent, and a bond taken in consequence of his requiring the same as a condition of the indulgence, the said bond shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the said agent shall think fully sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

Indulgence granted to be on terms, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That in every case where the said agent shall grant any indulgence to a collector in virtue of this act, it shall always be on the terms of such collector paying three fifths of the sum required by the said agent, to be paid by such collector in specie.

Agent to pay in specie, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act.

And to give bond, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said agent, before he enters upon the execution of the duties of this act, shall give bond to the state, before the governor and council, in the penalty of twenty thousand pounds current money, with such securities as the governor and council shall approve, for the faithful performance of the said duties, which bond shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall also take an oath before the chancellor, that he will well and faithfully discharge the duties of agent, under the act, entitled, An act respecting the collectors of the public taxes since the first of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, to the best of his skill and judgment, the certificate of which oath shall be annexed to, or endorsed on, the said bond.

XII. And