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the part of the state, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the agent or his deputy, immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction on the most advantageous terms, for the use of the state, and if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of their respective shores, from the purchaser or purchasers of such property; and all bonds so taken by the said agents, shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

To dispose of all confiscated British property, &c.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said agent is hereby directed to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold on the respective shores, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for the payment thereof, not exceeding two years from the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and that where the quantity of land in any one body subject to such sale exceeds the quantity of fifty acres, such land shall be disposed of at public sale, of the time and place of such sale at least thirty days previous notice shall be given by public advertisement; and that at the time of any such sale by virtue of this act, the said agent making such sale, shall make known that he only sells the right of this state thereto, and that the state doth not guarantee the title to the same, or any part thereof, but that the purchase must be in all respects at the risk of the purchaser, and no such sales shall be made of any lands for the purchase of which application may have been made to the governor and council.

Payments not to be valid unless made to treasurer or agent.

7. *And be it enacted*, That no payment in future by any officer, or person indebted to the state, shall be valid and effectual unless made to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, or to the agents for this state, or unless made to the clerks and sheriffs of the several counties in the cases where the said clerks and sheriffs are by law authorised to receive the same.

In cases of insolvency agent authorised to compromise and take back property.

8. *And be it enacted*, That the said agent shall have full power and authority, by and with the advice of the governor and council, in all cases of uninstalled debts, to take back any property heretofore purchased by any person and not yet paid for, in cases where the person having so purchased, and his securities, are not capable of paying for the same, and to compromise the same upon terms and principles of equity and justice, by and with the advice and consent aforesaid; and the said agent is hereby required to lay a particular statement of his proceedings under this section before the next session of assembly.

May compromise suits in chancery.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the agent with the approbation of the governor and council, be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, to compromise any suit depending in chancery with any state debtor, upon any terms in his judgment calculated to promote the interest of the state, and to obtain the speedy receipt of the sums due.