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CHAPTER 103.
AN ACT

Relating to British confiscated property within this state.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all powers and authority vested in the Governor and Council by the law,

intituled, "An act respecting the debts due to this state, and the debts thereof, and for other purposes,"

passed in the year eighteen hundred and two, and also by the supplement to that act, passed in the year eighteen hundred and three, in relation to British property confiscated or liable to confiscation, shall hereafter be exercised and enforced by them over any such property which may be discovered to them, and that six months from the date of any such discovery be allowed to compound for such property, and upon payment being made of any such property sold by the Governor and Council, deeds shall be made by the Chancellor as provided by the act aforesaid.

CHAPTER 104.
AN ACT

Relating to apprentices.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the terms of the indentures of apprentices, the free male convicts, and any three of them, shall have power to bind, as apprentices, the free male convicts, at such times of labour in that indenture shall expire before they are of age; and they are further empowered, in their discretion, to bind, as an apprentice, until the age of sixteen years, any free male convict, whose term of service shall be ended before they have attained that age; and also to bind, as apprentices, the children of free male convicts, born during their term of service, the males until the age of sixteen and females until sixteen years of age; and the indentures or contracts of apprenticeship so made, shall be recorded in the orphan's court of Baltimore county, within the time, and under the like penalties as are prescribed for recording other indentures of apprenticeship.

CHAPTER 105.
A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled, "An act to fix and regulate the quality of silver plate manufactured and sold, or offered for sale, in the city of Baltimore, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the general Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be lawful for the assayer appointed under the provisions of the act for which this is a supplement, to mark, or stamp, any silver vessel or vessels, plate or manufacture of silver, whatsoever, over the weight of five penny-weights, which shall be brought to him to be assayed, marked or stamped, within ten days after the passage of this act,

provided that the maker or owner thereof shall produce to the assayer aforesaid, a certificate, under oath, duly administered, specifying the weight of each article, and the number thereof, and that the said silver vessel or vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver, was or were manufactured in the city of Baltimore, or precincts thereof, previous to the first day of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen; and provided also, that the said silver vessel or vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver, shall be respectively stamped with the initials of the name of the worker or maker thereof.

2. And be it enacted, That the stamp which shall be used by the assayer for the marking or stamping of the silver vessel or vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver as aforesaid, shall be numbers corresponding with the number of ounces, penny-weights, and grains, of pure silver, contained in such articles to every pound troy.

3. And be it enacted, That the silver vessel or vessels, plate, or manufacture of silver, so assayed, marked or stamped, may be sold, exchanged, or offered or exposed to sale or exchange, in the city and precincts of Baltimore, any thing contained in the act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding.

4. And be it enacted, That the assayer aforesaid shall be entitled to ask, demand and receive, for his own use, of and from the person or persons whose property is required to be assayed and marked or stamped as aforesaid, the same compensation as is provided for by the sixth section of the act to which this is a supplement.

5. And be it enacted, That if any person whatsoever, from and after the passage of this act, shall forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be cast, forged or counterfeited, the stamps or marks directed to be used in pursuance of this act for the stamping of silver plate in the city or precincts of Baltimore, or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure to be marked or stamped, any wrought plate of silver, or any wares of brass, or other base metal, silvered over or resembling silver, with any mark or stamp which hath been or shall be forged or counterfeited at any time either before or after the passage of this act, in imitation of or to resemble any stamp or mark directed to be used in pursuance of this act, or shall transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one piece of wrought plate to another, or to any vessel of such base metal as aforesaid, any stamp, mark, or impression, which may be made by or with any stamp or mark directed to be used in pursuance of this act, or shall sell, exchange, or expose or offer for sale or exchange, any wrought plate of silver, or any vessel of such base metal as aforesaid, with any such forged or counterfeited stamp, mark, or impression thereon, or any stamp, mark or impression, which hath been or shall be transposed or removed from any other piece of plate, knowing such stamp, mark or impression to be forged, counter-

feited or transposed, or removed as aforesaid, or shall wilfully or knowingly have, or be possessed of, any mark or stamp which has been or shall be forged or counterfeited in imitation of and to resemble any mark or stamp to be used as aforesaid, every such person offending in any such or either of the cases aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in Baltimore county court, in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the one half thereof to the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, for the use of the city, and the other half thereof to the use of the informer, and shall be committed by the court in which judgment shall be given thereon to the penitentiary of the state of Maryland, there to remain and be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding the space of five years nor less than one year, and until payment be made of the said forfeiture.

6. And be it enacted, That nothing contained in this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall be construed to affect the sale or disposition of silver plate, or manufacture of silver, the property of any debtor taken in and by virtue of any execution or judicial writ, or of any insolvent debtor, which sale or disposition shall be authorized and made in conformity to the laws of this state.

7. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the assayer appointed under the act to which this is a supplement, or for any assayer who may hereafter be appointed under said act, to be concerned, or otherwise interested in, the manufacturing or sale of silver plate, or manufacture of silver, within the city or precincts of Baltimore, under the penalty of the forfeiture of his office, and of the bonds which he shall have given in conformity to the third section of the act to which this is a supplement.

8. And be it enacted, That this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby extended to the precincts of the city of Baltimore.

CHAPTER 108.
AN ACT

Extending the benefit of the insolvent laws to certain petitioners therein mentioned.

1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Joseph Myers, Thomas Morgan, William Ball, John Fisher, John Randall, John West, Joseph Stall, Thomas Cloudsley, John B. Gill, Benjamin Solomon, John B. Jaufret, Samuel M'Keel, Bernard Dornin, Rueben Long, John Craggs, Jacob Gettig, Gabriel Thomas, John S. Horne, John M. A. Zollickofer, and Elijah Beam, of Baltimore City and county; Robert Henderson, of Frederick county; Thomas Wayman, of Talbot county; Joseph Fitzpatrick, of Anne-Arundel county; Frederick Linthicum, of Montgomery county; Henry Wilnier, of Queen-Anne's county; and William Wells, of the city of Annapolis, shall be, and each of them hereby is entitled to receive the full benefit of, and final release under, the

act, entitled, "An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, passed November session one thousand eight hundred and five, and of the several supplements thereto, on the terms and conditions prescribed in said act, provided that it shall not be required of them, or either of them, to produce to the court to which application may be made the assent of two thirds of their or of either of their creditors in amount; and also to extend the like benefit of said laws to Samuel Carey of Baltimore, upon the like terms, notwithstanding Conthwait and Carey may have made payments to some of their creditors.

2. And be it enacted, That in cases where either of the aforesaid petitioners have made application, for the benefit of the said laws, and the same is now depending, it shall not be necessary for such petitioner to renew his application; and in cases where either of the said petitioners has made application, and the day of final hearing has passed, it shall only be necessary for said petitioner to give at least one month's previous notice, according to law, of his intention to renew his application for such benefit.

3. And be it enacted, That James H. Sewell and Samuel Raborg, of the city of Baltimore, and Dennis M. Burgess, of Prince George's county, shall be and they are hereby entitled to the full benefit of, and final release under, said acts, on the terms and conditions therein prescribed, without being required to produce to the court the assent of two thirds of their creditors in amount and notwithstanding any conveyance or conveyances made by them, or either of them, to a creditor, or to trustees in trust for the benefit of creditors.

CHAPTER 109.

A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, "An act to direct descents."

1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That where any lands, tenements or hereditaments, of any person dying intestate, shall lie in different counties, it shall not be necessary for the parties interested therein to apply to the Chancellor for a commission thereon to sell or divide the same, as is required by the original act to which this is a further additional supplement, but when it shall so happen that such lands, tenements or hereditaments, lie in different counties, included in any one judicial district of this state, then and in such case, application may be made to the county court of such judicial district where the greatest part of said lands and tenements may lie.

2. And be it enacted, That where any lands, tenements or hereditaments, as aforesaid, shall lie in different counties of different judicial districts, and the said lands, (although in different counties,) shall lie adjoining, then and in such case application may be made to the court of the county where the greatest portion of said lands and tenements may lie, for the sale or division thereof.

3. And be it enacted, That where lands, tenements or hereditaments, as aforesaid, shall lie in different judicial districts, and not adjoining,

but lie in different or detached parcels, then and in such case, application may be made in the several districts to the respective county courts where the greatest portion of such lands and tenements may lie, for the sale or division thereof as aforesaid.

4. And be it enacted, That the same proceedings shall be had on all such applications respectively, as if the lands and tenements laid in one county, as directed by the act to which this is a further additional supplement, and the several supplements thereto.

5. And be it enacted, That where any person shall have devised, or may hereafter devise, any lands, tenements or hereditaments, to two or more persons, by virtue of which devise such persons shall be entitled to hold the said estate as joint tenants or tenants in common, according to the effect of such devise, it shall and may be lawful for any one or more of such devisees, (being of lawful age) to make application to the county court of the county where such lands and tenements may lie, or if laying in different counties, then to the court of the county where the greatest portion of such lands and estate may lie, for a commission to divide the same, and upon such application, the court shall appoint five judicious and disinterested persons to divide and make partition among all the parties entitled to the same.

6. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, when so appointed, shall take the same oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be) as in such cases is required by the act to which this is a further additional supplement, and shall proceed to divide the said lands, tenements or hereditaments, among the several devisees, agreeably to the will of the deceased, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as if a writ of partition had been obtained for the same.

7. And be it enacted, That in cases where a commission may have been issued, and not executed, or that may hereafter issue from any county court, or the court of chancery, to make partition of the intestate's estate, and any of the parties interested reside out of this state, the commissioners, before they proceed in the execution of said commission, shall cause notice thereof to be given by advertisement set up at the door of the court-house, of the county or counties where the lands may lie, and in such other public places in the counties as they may direct, at least two months previous to their proceeding to execute said commission, and such notice shall be deemed and taken as compliance with the eighth section of the act to which this is a further additional supplement, so far as the same relates to the notice to be given to all the parties concerned.

CHAPTER 111.

A SUPPLEMENT

To the act, entitled, "An act to provide for the settlement of claims arising from the past or future employment of the militia of this state."

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor and Council be and they

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