

12. The certificates granted or to be granted, by the said commissioners, or any two of them, to purchasers of lots in the said city, with acknowledgment of the payment of the whole purchase money, and interest, if any shall have arisen thereon and recorded, shall be sufficient to vest the legal estate in the purchasers, their heirs and assigns, according to the import of such certificates, without any deed or formal conveyance.—1793, c. 58. § 1.

13. On sales of lots in the said city by the said commissioners, or any two of them, under terms or conditions of payment being made therefor at any day or days after such contract entered into, if any sum of the purchase money or interest shall not be paid for the space of 30 days after the same ought to be paid, the commissioners, or any two of them, may sell the same lots at vendue, in the city of Washington, at any time after 60 days notice of such sale, in some of the public newspapers of George-town and Baltimore-town, and retain in their hands sufficient of the money produced by such new sale to satisfy all principal and interest due on the first contract, together with the expences of advertisements and sale, and the original purchaser, or his assigns, shall be entitled to receive from the said commissioners, at their treasury, on demand, the balance of the money which have been actually received by them, or under their order, on the said second sale; and all lots, so sold, shall be freed and acquitted of all claim, legal and equitable, of the first purchaser, his heirs and assigns.—*ibid.* § 2.

14. The said commissioners may make a seal of office of the clerk for recording deeds within the district of Columbia, which shall be kept by him; and the like fees shall be paid for, and the like credit shall be given to, certificates under that seal, as to the like acts under the seal of a county court, and the said clerk shall be entitled to demand and receive his fees when the services shall be performed.—*ibid.* § 4.

See *Bank of Columbia*, 6.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE TAX.

1. **T**HE Commissioners of the Tax of the several counties shall be authorized to ascertain the quantity of land in their respective counties, and for that purpose may appoint one or more persons to take an accurate account of all the land in their county, with any buildings thereon, with power to the person or persons so appointed to call on the owners, possessors or claimants, of any land in their county, to discover and ascertain the quantity thereof, on oath or affirmation, according to the best of their knowledge and belief; and shall also call on the clerks
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