

C H A P. LVI.

An ACT for vesting an estate for life in Ariana Kennedy, and an estate in fee-simple in John Lynch and Mary his wife, in the property therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 201. A Private Act. Passed 15th of June, 1782.

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT to empower George Gray to sell the lots and houses in Port Tobacco, formerly belonging to James Jamieson, and confiscated by this state, and to collect the debts due to the said James Jamieson, and Jamieson, Johnson and company, and to apply the same as far as his claim extends. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 202. A Private Act.

C H A P. LVIII.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, (a) An act to raise recruits. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 204.

(a) November, 1781, ch. 28.

C H A P. LIX.

An ACT for the sale of certain confiscated British property. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 207.

*For the purpose of supplying congress.

C H A P. LX.

An ACT respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 209.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where the commissioners have taken into possession real or personal property, supposing the same to be the property of the state, every person claiming any right or interest in the same, shall deliver to the commissioners his claim in writing, on or before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and every person who has already put in any claim to such property taken into possession by the commissioners, shall prosecute his action for the recovery of the same on or before the said first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three.

Claims to be delivered by March, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the commissioners shall hereafter take into possession real or personal property, supposed to belong to the state, every person claiming any right or interest in the same, shall deliver to the commissioners in writing his claim to the said property within one year after the commissioners shall take the said property into their possession; and shall commence and prosecute his action within six months thereafter; all which actions shall be brought against the state as defendant, by issuing a summons in personal actions, directed to the commissioners, or any one of them, or to the attorney-general, and sending with such summons a short note expressing the cause of action, and in ejectments, by sending a copy, to be delivered to either of the commissioners, or to the attorney-general.

Hereafter in one year, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person who shall neglect to deliver in his claim as aforesaid, or who shall neglect to prosecute his action as above provided, shall for ever be barred of all his right and interest in such property so taken into possession by the commissioners, saving to infants, *feme-coverts*, persons out of the state, in prison, or of unsound mind, their right for one year after disability removed.

Persons neglecting barred, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the commissioners, upon examination, have reason to believe that the state is entitled to real or personal property in the possession of any persons claiming the same, they shall, for the recovery of personal property, prosecute in the general court, (or in the county court if of small value,) actions of trover or replevin, in the name of the state, in which it shall be sufficient to lay the property in the state, and to give in evidence, that the things for which the suit is prosecuted were the property of some person whose estate is forfeited or confiscated, and that the state is entitled to the same by forfeiture or confiscation; and for the recovery of real property, they shall in like manner prosecute an ejectment in the general court in the name of the state, alleging the demise to have been made by the state, in which it shall be sufficient to prove the lands or tenements for which the ejectment is brought were the property of some person whose estate is forfeited or confiscated, and that the state became entitled thereto by forfeiture or confiscation; in all which actions, the cause of action shall be endorsed on, or a declaration sent with, the writ; and a trial in personal actions shall be had at the imparlance court, and in actions of ejectment

Actions of trover may be prosecuted, &c.