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XXXIII.

\* Chapter 58.

two years, and the residue in three years, from the sale, with an interest of six *per cent.*; and that if any purchaser shall neglect to give bond within the time limited, he shall forfeit five *per cent.* on the purchase money, to be recovered as directed by the supplement to the act to raise recruits, passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two; \* and if he shall give bond and neglect to make payment at the respective times appointed, that he shall be compelled thereto in the manner directed by the said act; and if bond shall not be given, the commissioners may elect to declare the sale void or good, and if the latter, they may proceed in the same manner to recover the purchase money as in the said act is allowed and directed.

Land to be laid  
out, &c.

III. WHEREAS the lands on Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, formerly in the possession of a tribe of Indians, are now, from the death or removal of the said Indians, become the property of the state; BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property be authorized and directed to cause the said lands to be surveyed and laid out in lots, or small parcels of land, in such manner as they think will best procure purchasers, and afterwards to sell the same in the manner and on the terms aforesaid.

Occupiers to  
pay rent, &c.

IV. WHEREAS several persons have for some time occupied the said land, and have neither paid rent or assessment for the same, and it is just and reasonable that the said persons should pay the public a reasonable compensation for the use of the said lands, BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners be authorized and directed to call on the said persons for a moderate and reasonable rent for the use of the said land, for such time as they have occupied and paid no rent therefor, and in case of refusal, the said commissioners may bring suit, in the name of the state, for so much money received for the use of the state as they may think the said persons ought to pay to the public.

Tobacco to be  
sold, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and directed to sell the tobacco and wheat collected for the sinking the continental state money, and that the amount of the sales be appropriated to the use of this act.

Auditor to ad-  
just accounts,  
&c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby directed to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and grant them certificates for their depreciation, in the same manner as is directed by the act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes, (a) and the several supplements thereto; and that so much of the said act as empowers the governor and the council to appoint a commissioner to settle and adjust said accounts, be and is hereby repealed.

(a) October, 1780, ch. 38.

Books to be  
delivered, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioner or commissioners appointed in virtue of the aforesaid act be and they are hereby directed to prove, and deliver over to the auditor-general, the book or books containing all the accounts settled and adjusted by them in virtue of the aforesaid act, with all duplicate certificates, vouchers and other papers, relative to the business of their office as commissioner; and the auditor-general is hereby directed to charge the amount of all and every depreciation certificate to account of the United States.

Intendant to  
pay officers,  
&c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and directed to pay the money received in virtue of this act to the officers and soldiers of the line of this state, in discharge of their pay for the time aforesaid, and if a sufficient sum should not be procured for that purpose, he is directed to apportion the same according to the sum due to each officer and the privates for the time aforesaid, and in payment of the officers, he is first to pay those who remained to the southward the last campaign; and if any officer or soldier will accept, in discharge of their pay for the time aforesaid, any bond given by any purchaser agreeable to this act, the said intendant may assign such bond to such officer or soldier, and by virtue thereof such assignee shall be entitled to the money expressed in such bond, and may compel payment in the same manner as the public.

Certificates af-  
signable.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any certificate granted to any soldier may hereafter be assigned without any attestation of any officer, and without any restraint.

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Passed 15th of  
Jan. 1783.  
\* Chapter 6.

A Supplement to the act \* to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 283.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it appears by the return of the assessors and the commissioners of the tax, in pursuance of the act to raise the supplies for the present year, that in several of the counties merchant