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will be sufficient with the bonds taken for the redemption of the emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, lodged as aforesaid, to redeem the said two emissions, shall be set apart and added to the bonds first mentioned; and to determine what bonds of the emission of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and the bonds taken in virtue of this act for property sold and not bonded, for the redemption of the emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, and May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, shall be thus set apart, the whole of the said bonds lodged or to be lodged before the said first day of June, shall be listed and numbered, and put into a box, and so many of them drawn out by the treasurer of the western shore as shall amount to the sum necessary to make up the deficiency above mentioned.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any creditor of the state on certificate on interest, or his assignee, shall be allowed to discount such debt with the interest, out of any debt due by such creditor, or his assignee, except only the bonds appropriated and laid apart as aforesaid for the redemption of the emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, which can only be discharged in those emissions or specie.

Creditors may discount, &c.

VI. AND, whereas sundry certificates have been granted to persons as non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, who have fraudulently obtained the same, under pretence that they were soldiers when they never were, or that they were in the service and entitled to the certificates for depreciation contrary to the fact, or by one soldier personating another; for remedy whereof, BE IT ENACTED, That if on full inquiry any such fraud or deceit shall be discovered by the intendant and auditor-general, or either of them, such certificates shall not be paid or discounted by the treasurer, on notice by the intendant or auditor-general of such fraud or deceit.

Certain certificates not to be paid, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That an indulgence be given to the debtors of the state for confiscated property, (except on the bonds especially set apart as aforesaid,) for five years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and, to enforce the payment of interest due to the state from the debtors aforesaid annually, on the first day of September, during the said five years, if not paid by the first day of September aforesaid, the intendant of the revenue shall give six weeks notice in the Annapolis Gazette, Baltimore Journal, and Hall and Sellers paper of Philadelphia, to the debtors aforesaid, and if the interest be not paid at the expiration of the aforesaid six weeks, execution shall issue, agreeably to the directions of the act (a) for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, on the security of double the value in lands, to defray the expenses of the present campaign, upon such bonds as have been taken or may be taken for property sold under that act; and the most speedy method shall be pursued upon bonds taken for property sold under any other act, which the directions of such act will warrant, to compel payment of the interest and principal, if the debtors omit or neglect to pay the interest as aforesaid; and if the emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, shall be redeemed before the time they become redeemable, then the same indulgence shall be extended to such debtors; and out of the interest paid by the debtors of the state, the creditors of the state shall be paid the interest due them.

Indulgence to be granted, &c.

(a) May, 1781, ch. 23.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, with the interest calculated thereon, and the bills of credit of the emission of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and any certificate issued by this state, and stipulated and expressed to be discounted in taxes, shall be received in payment of all arrearages of taxes due before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-four; and all certificates issued by this state, and declared by law to be discountable in taxes, although they have since been liquidated, shall be discounted and discountable in all taxes imposed or to be imposed by the legislature, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the law by which such certificates were made discountable as aforesaid.

Bills, &c. to be received for taxes, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all confiscated British property that remains undisposed of, and consolidated and pledged as aforesaid to pay the state debt, except New Connaught manor in Cecil county, and such part of My Lady's manor and reserves as are settled on, and to the purchase of which a preference was given by the law of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, be sold by the intendant of the revenue as soon as may be, for current money or all certificates before mentioned, payable on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, with interest annually.

Property to be sold, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every purchaser of confiscated British property, who hath not given bond, shall give bond before the first day of April next, with such security as the commissioners for the sale and preservation of confiscated British property, under the direction of the intendant of

Bonds to be given, &c.