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Chapter 60.

the revenue, shall require, for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, agreeably to the contract, payable on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, with interest annually, to commence from the first day of September last; which indulgence of payment till the year seventeen hundred and ninety shall not extend to such bonds as may be drawn for the redemption of emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty; but they shall be paid at the same time as the others drawn, notwithstanding the time of payment mentioned in such bonds; and if any purchaser or purchasers of confiscated British property shall neglect or omit to give bond with security as aforesaid, on or before the first day of April as aforesaid, the intendant of the revenue is hereby authorized and empowered, and expressly directed, to enforce, by the mode directed by the ninth clause of the act called April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases, payment of the principal and interest due by contract from such purchaser or purchasers, if the said intendant shall judge such purchaser or purchasers able to pay the same, and if unable, the contract shall be void, and shall be so declared by the said intendant, and the property shall be exposed to a second sale by the commissioners aforesaid, under the direction aforesaid, for current money, or all certificates before mentioned, payable the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, with interest annually; and in such case the intendant of the revenue may direct suit to be brought against the first purchaser or purchasers, to recover damages for the use or any waste committed by him or them on the premises; or the intendant, with the consent of such first purchaser or purchasers, may settle the damages, or have them ascertained by arbitrators indifferently chosen, and acting under oath; and in any such suit so to be brought, it shall only be necessary for the attorney-general to issue a writ in trespass on the case in the name of this state, and to declare that such purchaser or purchasers have unjustly had the use and possession of the property belonging to the state, for the time such use and possession hath continued, and hath or have committed damage or waste thereon, upon which such purchaser or purchasers shall plead not guilty, and thereupon the merits of the cause shall be fully tried, and judgment shall be given and execution issue for such damage as may be assessed.

Tenants to  
have the pre-  
ference, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the tenants of New Connaught manor have the preference of purchasing such parts of the said manor as they now possess under any lease from or under the title of Talbot, or any of the late proprietors of this state, on payment of a reasonable and moderate valuation, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid, on giving bonds with good security to pay the principal on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, and to pay the interest annually; and that the value of such lands, without the improvements thereon, be determined by the intendant of the revenue, or by any two or three persons on oath, to be nominated by him, such persons to be indifferent, and not living in Cecil county, or within fifty miles thereof; and thereout shall be deducted the leases for lives or years, in the computation whereof the length of the term for years, the age and health of the tenant for life, and the chance of the reversion, shall be considered; and if the said tenants shall refuse or neglect to purchase, the said intendant of the revenue shall sell the same, on the same credit, for the highest price he can procure, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid.

Tenants on  
manors, &c. to  
have a pre-  
ference, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the tenants on any manors, and the settlers on the reserves, shall have the preference of purchasing such parts of the said manors and reserves as they now severally possess or occupy, or agreeably to surveys and certificates thereof made in pursuance of the act of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, on payment of a reasonable and moderate valuation therefor, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid, without the improvements thereon, to be ascertained by the intendant of the revenue, or by any two of three indifferent persons, on oath, to be nominated by him; and the purchasers shall give bond, with good security, to pay the principal on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, and to pay the interest annually; and if they shall refuse or neglect to purchase, the said intendant of the revenue shall sell the same on the same credit for the highest price he can procure, in current money, or any of the certificates aforesaid.

Deficiency to  
be made up.

XIII. AND, if the interest received from the debtors of the state shall not be sufficient to pay the interest due the creditors of the state, BE IT ENACTED, That the deficiency shall be made up, and paid out of the supplies for every year until the principal shall be wholly discharged.

Tax to be im-  
posed, &c.

XIV. AND, as a sinking fund to secure the certain payment of all the state debts now due, with interest payable thereon, before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, BE IT ENACTED, That annually, from the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five to the year seventeen hundred and ninety-one inclusive, a tax of two shillings and six-pence current money shall be imposed on