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on every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, as the same shall be estimated in the said years respectively, and shall be annually paid to the treasurer of the western shore, and shall be by him kept separate and apart from all other public money, and shall be inviolably appropriated to the payment of the principal and interest of the state debt; and in case the said aggregate and sinking funds shall not be sufficient to answer and satisfy the purposes to which the same are hereby applied, then and in such case, and as often as any deficiency shall happen, the public faith is hereby pledged and engaged, that such deficiency shall be provided for, answered and made good, by the general assembly; and any specie certificate granted by this state, with the interest due thereon, may be received in payment of the said tax, but no collector shall have credit therefor, before he shall make oath or affirmation, (to be administered by either of the treasurers,) that he bona fide received the same in payment of the said tax, and any collector swearing falsely shall, on conviction, be subject to the same punishment and consequences as for wilful and corrupt perjury; and any certificate received in payment of the said tax shall be kept with the money, and shall be examined and destroyed by a committee of both houses.

XV. AND, to secure the payment of the claims against the property of the Principio company admitted by the legislature, BE IT ENACTED, That after the amount of such claims shall be ascertained and adjusted by the auditor-general, and approved by the intendant of the revenue, any such claimant may apply, before the first day of June next, to the treasurer of the western shore, for as many of the bonds taken for the sales of the property of the said Principio company as will satisfy such claim; and to determine what bonds shall be delivered, all the bonds taken on such sales shall be listed and numbered, and drawn out by the treasurer, and if any of the obligors shall bring in to the treasurer of the western shore certificates issued for specie, the said treasurer shall pay him cash to the amount thereof, or the said claimants may take certificates bearing interest to the amount of their claim, and shall be paid the same on or before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, out the money paid by debtors of the state, or out of the sinking fund by this act provided.

Claimants may apply, &c.

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An ACT to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 488.

Passed 22d of Jan. 1785.

FOR raising the necessary supplies for the ensuing year, BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the rate or assessment of fifteen shillings current money shall be and is hereby laid and imposed for every hundred pounds worth of property within this state, and in the same proportion for every greater or less sum; and the said rate or assessment shall be paid, collected and levied, in the manner herein after directed.

Rate of assessment, &c.

II. PROVIDED, That all property belonging to this state, the United States, or either of them, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, all provisions, (except live stock,) necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the same shall belong and his family for the year, plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations, ready money, and wearing apparel, shall be and are hereby excepted from any rate or assessment.

Proviso

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That five sensible, discreet and experienced persons, shall be appointed in each county of this state, who shall be called Commissioners of the Tax, and they, or any three or more of them, shall be the commissioners for each county; provided, that no member of the general assembly or the council, clergyman, practising attorney or physician, sheriff, clerks of the general or any county court, ordinary-keeper, mariner or inspector, shall be appointed a commissioner.

Commissioners to be appointed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the following persons shall be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the several and respective counties of this state, to wit: For Saint-Mary's county, Messieurs Jeremiah Jordan, Thomas Bond, Robert Chesley, William Killgour and William Somerville; for Kent county, Messieurs Richard Miller, William Maxwell, junior, George Hanson, Nathaniel Comegys and Simon Wickes; of Chester-town; for Anne-Arundel county, Messieurs John Weems, John Brice, William Hall, Edward Gaither and James Tootell; for Calvert county, Messieurs Daniel Rawlings, Joseph Blake, Joseph Wilkinson, Thomas Mackall and Frederick Skinner; for Charles county, Messieurs Richard Barnes, Thomas Harris, Henry Barnes, Gerard Blackiston, Caubin and Hoskin Hanson; for Baltimore county, Messieurs William Spear, Benjamin Rogers, Darby Lux, Samuel Owings and Daniel Bowley; for Talbot county, Messieurs Thomas Sherwood, Howes

Names of the commissioners.