

of the state, shall, upon such bonds being lodged with him, give the securities, or either of them, lodging the same, a receipt and credit in his books for so much money as shall be expressed in condition of the bond or bonds aforesaid, and upon failure of any part of the condition, there shall be had the same proceedings out of the general court against the obligors as is directed by law against the purchasers of confiscated property upon a like failure in them; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to discharge the securities of the said Thomas Williams from the penalty of the bond or bonds entered into by them to the state, as securities to the said Thomas Williams, in case the obligor or obligors in the bonds permitted to be taken as aforesaid should prove insolvent.

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IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the property late of the said Thomas Williams is sold by law for the debt due to this state, it may be disposed of upon the same credit, and upon the same terms, as the property of the said securities is allowed by this act to be sold, and bonds taken for the same, with good and sufficient security, to be approved as aforesaid, shall be received by the treasurer, and credit given for the same, upon the same terms and conditions, and to the same intent and purpose, that the bonds for the property of the said securities, or any of them, sold in virtue of this act, are above directed to be received and credited.

Property may  
be sold on cre-  
dit, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the several debtors of the said Thomas Williams for public dues and taxes, (except the deputies of the said Thomas Williams, or persons who acted as such,) be and are hereby allowed until the first day of July next to pay and discharge the arrears aforesaid, and he, she or they, are hereby empowered to satisfy and pay the said arrears with any certificates or bills of credit which can by law be received of the said securities for the claims which the state have against them as such; and notice shall be given by the said securities as soon as may be after the passage of this act, for three weeks successively in the Annapolis Gazette, and at the court-house door of Prince-George's county, of their power under this act, and the time of payment aforesaid; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the said securities from collecting the arrears aforesaid from any person or persons who shall be about to depart from Prince-George's county, or who shall remove, or be about to remove, his, her or their property out of the county aforesaid, or in any manner whatever dispose of the same, unless it be for the purpose of discharging the arrears due and owing from him, her or them, as aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debtors allow-  
ed time, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any debtor for taxes and public dues aforesaid shall not pay what is justly due on account of the same before the first day of July next, he or she shall thoreafter pay an interest of eight *per cent.* thereon to the said securities.

To pay interest.

VII. AND, whereas from the length of time, and the irregular manner in which the business of the said Thomas Williams hath been conducted, disputes may arise between the debtors and securities of the said Thomas Williams, which can only be determined in a judicial manner: And whereas great injustice would be done the said securities if called on by the state for an immediate payment of the debt aforesaid, or before the same could be recovered by due course of law; BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, That no process shall issue out of any court within this state against the bodies, lands or tenements, goods or chattels, of the said securities, for the debt aforesaid due and owing as aforesaid, until the first day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine; provided, that the interest upon the debt due from the said Thomas Williams, and his securities, be annually and punctually paid from and after the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven.

No process to  
issue, &c.

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An ACT relating to the public buildings in Caroline county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 648.

Passed 12th of  
March, 1786.

WHEREAS sundry of the inhabitants of Caroline county have, by their humble petition to this general assembly, set forth, that a part of the money heretofore collected for the purpose of erecting a court-house and gaol in said county hath unavoidably been sunk by the depreciation of paper money during the late contest with Great-Britain; that a part of said monies still remains in the hands of William Hopper, late sheriff of said county, for the recovery of which a suit is now depending in the general court of the eastern shore; that the levying of sixty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-eight pounds of tobacco was suspended by a resolve of the convention; and praying that the sum of one thousand pounds current money, exclusive of the commission for collection, be assessed, at three equal and annual assessments on the property of said county, which, together with the sum

Preamble.

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