

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. Lib. JG. No. 1. fol. 690.

Passed 23d of Dec. 1792.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Randolph Brandt Latimer be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

An agent appointed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrearages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shores for an accurate statement of all the arrearages and balances due from such collectors, and such account shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

To superintend the collection of arrearages, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due to the state on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding four years from the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, always requiring annual payments of the interest; and equal annual payments of the principal.

Of balances on open account, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all monies due to the state for duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, and to require payment, and (if necessary) sue for the same; and the said agent may allow for insolvencies, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and, for his information of the law, he may take the advice of the attorney-general, in writing.

And all monies due for duties, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be directed for this purpose, the agent shall cause public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the state, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed for the use of the state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearages due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction, on the most advantageous terms for the interest of the state, and, if the same be sold on credit, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, from the several purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, into the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from their respective dates.

Notice to be given of sales, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall have power to dispose of all confiscated British property that remains unsold, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding four years from the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, always requiring annual payment of the interest, and equal annual payments of the principal.

Agent to dispose of property, &c.

VII. AND, whereas there are still some balances due to this state upon sales of confiscated property unbonded for, and it appears to this general assembly, that in some cases the purchasers are unable to make payment, and the property is becoming daily of less value, BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, be authorized to release any of the said purchasers, who are unable to pay, from their purchases, and take back the property for the use of the state; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with the said purchasers for the use of the said property, and take bonds for the same to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding four years from the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, always requiring annual payment of the interest, and equal annual payments of the principal; and any property taken back, the said agent shall dispose

And may release purchasers, &c.