

purchaser or purchasers, and in cases where the said purchaser is of sufficient ability to pay for the use of the land so purchased, and shall neglect to come in and compromise the same, the agent is hereby required to institute suits for the recovery thereof. C H A P. XL.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the agent shall immediately call on and request the attorney-general to commence, and prosecute to final determination as speedily as possible, the state's right to all confiscated property which hath been or may be made known and discovered to the said agent; and the said agent shall report to the next session of assembly such suits as are or may be depending to recover the same, and also such as may then not be commenced, with the reasons assigned by the attorney-general why the same have not been commenced. Agent to call on the attorney-general, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any bond debtor to the state for confiscated property purchased, or otherwise, shall neglect to make payment, agreeably to the condition of his bond, and sundry resolves of the general assembly; the said agent shall cause process to issue for the whole principal and interest then due, or shall proceed on any execution already issued, and served and suspended, as occasion may require, or, under the direction and with the approbation of the governor and council, he is hereby authorized to delay any execution as long as they may think expedient and necessary. Debtors may be sued, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent be authorized to superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds taken for taxes due before the first of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the said agent shall also superintend the collection of all balances due on bonds installed, or otherwise, for the emissions of paper money of seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, and seventeen hundred and seventy-three. Agent to superintend the collection of balances on bonds, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no process shall issue against any of the public debtors, unless by the direction of the said agent. No process to issue, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall have power to fix such days for the sale of property taken by *feri facias*, at the suit of the state, as he may think proper, always taking care to give at least twenty days public notice thereof, and the said agent shall also have power to suspend the sales, from time to time, as he may think most to the advantage of the state. Agent to fix days, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall pay into the treasury, in specie, the amount of all specie by him received in the discharge of the duties of this act. And pay in specie, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where bonds shall be taken in virtue of this act, the bonds shall be a lien on all the real property of the obligors, from the date thereof, or on so much of the said real property as the governor and the council shall think sufficient, to be particularly mentioned in a schedule to be annexed to the said bond, in which case it shall be a lien on the property contained in such schedule; and no more, such bond and schedule to be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore. Bonds to be a lien, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all bonds, taken in virtue of this act, shall express the county in which the obligors respectively reside, and the treasurer of the western shore shall, within one month after he receives them, respectively, cause them, with the schedule annexed to them, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the western shore at the expence of the obligors; and a copy of the said record, certified under the hand and official seal of the said clerk, shall be as good evidence in any court of law or equity in this state as the original bond would be if it was produced; and if any of the obligors in any such bonds reside on the eastern shore, the said treasurer shall, within six months from the time he receives the same respectively, transmit to the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, in the same manner as papers on public service are transmitted, a copy of such bonds and schedules, certified as aforesaid by the clerk of the general court of the western shore, to be recorded in the office of the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, at the expence of the obligors, and, in such case, a copy of the said record, certified as aforesaid by the said clerk of the general court of the eastern shore, shall be good evidence as aforesaid. And to express the county, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings, under the authority of this act, to the general assembly at their next session, and shall be allowed for his services the following commissions, to wit: For all payments made to either of the treasurers on bonds for confiscated property, one per cent. for all bonds with security taken by Agent to render a fair account, &c.