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ter such sale, deposit, for safe keeping, such overplus of money, after all necessary charges deducted, in the hands of the clerk of the county; and the money lodged in the hands of the clerk, in pursuance of this act, shall be safely kept by him, and paid to the person or persons entitled to receive the same upon demand, or may be drawn by the commissioners of the tax of the county to satisfy other arrearages of taxes, in case any should again accrue from the same person whilst the said money shall remain in the hand of the clerk as aforesaid.

Purchasers to  
reconvey, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any whole tract or lot of land shall be sold by order of the commissioners of the tax of said county, under the provisions of this act, upon the owner or owners, his, her or their legal representatives, paying or tendering payment to the purchaser or purchasers, his, her or their heirs or assigns, the purchase money, with an interest of ten *per cent. per annum* thereon, and all other legal charges, within one year from the time of such purchase, that then the purchaser or purchasers thereof, his, her or their heirs or assigns, shall reconvey to the original owner the tract or tracts, lot or lots of land, so sold and purchased as aforesaid.

If no bidders,  
list to be re-  
turned, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where the collector shall expose to public sale any tract or tracts, lot or lots of land, as aforesaid, for which there is no bidder or bidders, the collector shall return to the commissioners of the tax, at their next meeting thereafter, a list of such tract or tracts, lot or lots of land, so unsold as aforesaid, and the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due, together with the name or names of the person or persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same; and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and required to make out, and deliver to the next collector, a copy of the list of tracts or lots of land returned unsold as aforesaid, and direct him, after thirty days notice at the court-house door, and other public places in said county, the lot or lots, tract or tracts of land, in such list mentioned, to sell in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as the former collector was directed.

Duration.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act, together with the act to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby continued for and during the term of three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

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Passed 3d of  
Jan. 1800.

An ACT for the more effectual preventing of forgery, and to make it felony to steal bonds, notes or other securities, for the payment of money. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 326.

Penalty for  
counterfeiting  
deeds, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any persons shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or shall utter, publish or pass, knowing to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any deed, will, testament, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, endorsement or assignment of any bond or writing obligatory, bill of exchange, or promissory note for payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, or any acquittance or receipt either for money or goods, or other valuable articles, with intention to defraud any person, and shall thereof be convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged by said court, so as the same do not extend to death, or more than seven years servitude.

And accept-  
ances, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the falsely making, altering, forging or counterfeiting, or shall utter, publish or pass, knowing to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any acceptance of any bill of exchange, or draught for the payment of money or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, or the number or principal sum of any accountable receipt for any note, bill, or other security for payment of money, or any warrant or order for the payment of money or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, with intention to defraud any person, and being thereof convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged by said court, so as the same do not extend to death, or more than seven years servitude.

Stealing, &c.  
deemed felony,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall steal, or take by robbery, any bonds, specialties, bill of exchange, notes, draughts or checks drawn for the payment of money on any bank, or other securities or evidences for the payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, being the property of any other person or corporation, or shall fraudulently receive