

PROVISIONS.

Provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the person to whom the land shall belong, and his family, not to be valued or chargeable with the public assessment. 1797, ch. 89, § 1.

Provisions shall be considered as assets in the hands of an executor or administrator. 1798, No. 101, ch. 7.

PUBLIC CREDITORS AND DEBTORS.

Directions respecting process, &c. against public debtors. October, 1778, ch. 20.

An act to adjust the debts due from this state. May, 1781, ch. 17.

An act relating to public creditors. *Ibid.* ch. 36.

Acts respecting the settlement of the army accounts. October, 1780, ch. 38, May, 1781, ch. 20, ch. 35, November, 1781, ch. 26, April, 1782, ch. 33, November, 1782, ch. 33, April, 1783, ch. 28.

Acts for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason. April, 1782, ch. 36, November, 1782, ch. 20, November, 1783, ch. 34, November, 1787, ch. 23.

An act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon. 1784, ch. 55.

An act respecting the debtors and creditors of the state under the above act. 1789, ch. 47.

Acts limiting the time for bringing in and settling claims against the state. 1784, ch. 65, 1785, ch. 19, 1786, ch. 18.

Indulgence given to the state debtors. 1784, ch. 55, § 7, 1785, ch. 63, ch. 84, 1790, ch. 41.

An act for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason. 1786, ch. 49, § 7.

For the more effectual relief of the securities of public debtors. *Ibid.* ch. 52.

To provide a remedy for creditors and others against this state. *Ibid.* ch. 53.

Acts respecting a debt due from Archibald Buchanan. April, 1787, ch. 37, November, 1792, ch. 50, 1797, ch. 86.

An act respecting the creditors and debtors of this state, requesting the former to subscribe to the loan proposed by congress. 1790, ch. 41.

Persons having claims as therein mentioned against the state empowered to institute suits therefor in any court of law or equity. 1799, ch. 79, § 7, 8.

Power of the state's agent respecting the public debtors. *Ibid.* ch. 80.

Sec. AGENT.

PUBLIC LETTERS.

The several sheriffs required to take care of all public letters and packets, and to convey them expeditiously according to their directions to the next sheriff of the adjacent county, and to give receipts therefor, and endorse the time of receiving them. 1790, ch. 51, § 5.

Public letters and packets defined: Packets containing the laws passed at any session, the votes and proceedings of either house, endorsed for public service, and signed by the clerk of the council;

All letters sent by the governor, and endorsed for public service, and signed by the clerk of the council;

All letters sent by the president of the senate, and endorsed by the clerk of the senate for public service, and signed by him;

All letters sent by the speaker of the house of delegates, and endorsed for public service, and signed by him;

All joint letters sent by the president and speaker, endorsed for public service, and signed by them;

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All certificates of assessments and books of proceedings of commissioners of the tax, and endorsed by the clerks of the several counties on public service, and signed by them;

All letters and packets sent by any judge of the general court, and endorsed on public service, and signed by him. *Ibid.* § 10.

The votes and proceedings, laws and resolutions, of each session, to be printed, packed up, and delivered in the manner therein mentioned to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county. *Ibid.* § 2, 3, 4.

Manner of forwarding them from the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county to and by the several sheriffs on the eastern shore. *Ibid.* § 6.

Manner of forwarding them from the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county to and by the several sheriffs on the western shore. *Ibid.* § 7.

The sheriffs, on receiving such letters, to endorse the time on the back, and give receipts when required. *Ibid.* § 8.

Sheriffs not entitled to the reward given by this act, without producing their receipts to the committee of claims. *Ibid.*

Penalty on their not complying with the act. *Ibid.*

Rewards allowed to the several sheriffs for their trouble, out of which they are to defray their charges. *Ibid.* § 9, 1791, ch. 20.

Sheriffs to deliver public letters or packets within five days to the proper sheriff as herein before directed, under the penalty herein before prescribed. 1790, ch. 51, § 12.

Deputies to perform the duty in case of inability by sickness or absence of the sheriff, and on refusal or neglect to forfeit £. 15 0 0. *Ibid.* § 13.

Penalty on the clerks of courts delivering the acts of assembly, &c. to those not entitled to them. *Ibid.* § 14.

Persons convicted of wilfully breaking the seal of any letter or package belonging to the public, or directed to private persons, forfeit £. 100 0 0. *Ibid.* § 11.

The governor and council to superintend the faithful execution of this act. *Ibid.* § 15.

PUBLIC NOTARY.

The fees established, to be paid when the service is done. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 2, 3.

Protest of inland bills, as therein mentioned, may be made before a notary public, or the clerk of the county. 1785, ch. 38, § 2.

The power of the court or officer in any of the United States, or in a foreign country, administering an oath in proof of a deed, will, &c. may be certified by a notary public. *Ibid.* ch. 46, § 3.

An affidavit or deposition to prove claims against the estate of a deceased person shall be good, if taken and certified by the notary of the place, or by some person there authorized to administer an oath, and certified to be such under the seal of the officers therein mentioned, or a notary public of such place. 1798, No. 101, ch. 9, § 12.

QUAKERS.

QUAKERS, menonists, nicolites and tunkers, holding it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to affirm in all cases, which shall be of the same avail as an oath. Decl. 36, November, 1783, ch. 18, 1797, ch. 118, confirmed by 1798, ch. 83.

The court to be satisfied that the person is one of such profession. 1797, ch. 118, 1798, ch. 83.

Quakers, menonists, &c. being conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, and being otherwise qualified and elected as senators, delegates or electors of the senate, or to any office of profit