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fully sufficient to repay the same as aforesaid, the general assembly will pledge other property, on its appearing probable, amply to make up the deficiency.

Land of persons dying without heirs to escheat to the state, &c.

*Repealed  
as to the  
Commission  
concerning  
Warrants  
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VI. And be it enacted, That any lands within this state, of which any person has or shall hereafter die seised in fee simple, without any heir of the whole blood who could have inherited it he had been a subject of this state, or without leaving any relation of the half blood within two degrees, that is, first cousins, as the same are reckoned by the common law, such lands shall escheat to the state, and the commissioners appointed to preserve British property may agree for the sale of the same (giving the preference to those who have already applied to the land-office for the pre-emption, and to those who shall first hereafter discover and apply to purchase, at two thirds of the real value of such lands in specie, bills of cre it, or crop tobacco inspected since the fifteenth day of September last, weighing not less than nine hundred pounds net each hoghead, to the value as the same would have sold for in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-four) on condition that one half of the consideration be paid within three months hereafter, or within two months after the application, and the residue within nine months after the first payment; and on application to the said commissioners for any escheat land, they may direct the clerk of the land-office of the shore where the land lies, to issue a warrant to the surveyor of the county to survey the same, and to note in his return the situation, quality, and value, of the land and improvements; and the said commissioners shall inform themselves, by any other ways and means, of the true value of any such land; and if any person obtaining such warrant of escheat shall neglect to comply with his terms of payment, the land shall be subject to any new application which shall be first made after such default; and any money or tobacco agreed to be paid for the purchase of escheat lands, shall be paid to the treasurer of the shore where the land lies, and the treasurer shall give his receipt therefor, which receipt shall be produced to and lodged with the commissioners.

Lots, &c. to be sold, &c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the following lots, to wit: No. 11, 38, 40, and 41, in Baltimore-town, and the land adjoining or near to Baltimore-town, belonging to the heirs of Edward Fotherall, late of the kingdom of Ireland; the property of Anthony Bacon, John Everfield, George and Andrew Buchanan, James Brown and company, Mackie, Speirs and company, Mackie, Speirs, French and company, James Christie, John Buchanan, John Glasford and company, the heirs of John Hyde, the heirs of Samuel Hyde, the heirs of Thomas Bladen, all of Great-Britain, known to be British subjects within the description and intent of the said act to seize, confiscate, and appropriate, all British property within this state, and such parts of the manors or lands in Saint Mary's county, called Bever-dam Manor and Chaptico Manor, which are seized and confiscated as British property in consequence of the said act, shall and may also be laid off in small convenient parcels by the commissioners aforesaid, as they may judge most advantageous; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered and directed, at such convenient times as they may think proper, and after three weeks notice in the Baltimore news-paper for the lands in Baltimore-town, and six weeks for the other lands, to set up and expose