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vided twelfth part of the whole interest in the property so sold in undivided parts, and the purchase money shall be secured and disposed of as aforesaid.

To sell personal property, &c.

XVIII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall, after convenient notice, sell at public sale, and in such parcels as they may judge most to the public advantage, any other of the personal property herein before directed to be sold, and the purchase money shall be paid or secured by bond as aforesaid; and the commissioners are hereby directed not to set up any real property to sale at less than the last valuation by assessors.

Bonds to be set apart, &c.

XIX. **And be it enacted,** That bonds to the amount of one eighth part of the eleven twelfth parts aforesaid, comprehending therein the bonds of the said Thomas Russell, if any given by him, shall be set apart in the treasury aforesaid, till the general assembly shall direct therein, and that in the mean time no bills shall issue on the foundation or credit of the said bonds so set apart; all which bonds taken to this state shall immediately be delivered by the commissioners aforesaid to the treasurer of the western shore; and if any such bond shall be unpaid at any day of payment therein mentioned, the treasurer aforesaid shall and may order the said bond to be recorded by the clerk of the general court of the shore on which the obligor or obligors reside, and execution to issue against the body, or the lands and tenements, goods and chattels, of the obligors, in such bonds respectively mentioned, and such bond and order shall be recorded, and execution shall accordingly issue, upon which the money due on such bonds, with the costs accruing, shall be satisfied, or made and levied, in specie, or the said bills to the actual value thereof, and so upon every default of payment a new execution as aforesaid shall and may issue by order of the treasurer.

State will secure purchasers their possession, &c.

XX. **And be it enacted,** That this state will for ever warrant and secure to the purchasers and their heirs, any British property sold in pursuance of this act, and will protect them in the peaceable possession thereof.

No property to be sold but what clearly belong to British subjects, &c.

XXI. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall not proceed to the sale of any property under this act, as belonging to any of the said persons, and being confiscated because of their being British subjects, but what they shall be fully and clearly satisfied did belong to them, and hath not been sold or conveyed before the first day of December seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; and if any claim is put in to any part of the said lands, which shall appear well grounded in law or equity, or which the said commissioners shall have reason to believe the general assembly will admit, then the said commissioners shall delay selling the land or estate so claimed, and make return of the same, and the claim thereto, to the general assembly at their next session.

Commissioners to receive claims, &c.

XXII. **And be it enacted,** That the said commissioners shall receive all claims due to the subjects of this state, or the subjects of any other of the United States, from any of the persons whose estate is directed to be sold by this act; and the said commissioners shall certify to the treasurer the sums appearing to them to be probably due from the several