

C H A P.
XXXVII,
XXXVIII.Personal pro-
perty to be
sold, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the commissioners aforesaid shall be and are hereby empowered, to sell and dispose of any negroes or other personal property of British subjects, which they may judge indisputably such, and not immediately useful or profitable to this state, or which they may be apprehensive will otherwise be lost, or endangered or damaged.

Commission-
ers may sell
forfeited pro-
perty, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall take into their possession all forfeited property of persons convicted or outlawed for treason, and may sell the same, in such parts or parcels as they may judge most for the public advantage, at auction, after public and convenient notice; and the said last mentioned sales shall be for specie, at the value of seven shillings and six-pence per Spanish dollar, or continental bills of credit emitted in this state at the real value thereof, and the purchase money, if not paid down, shall be secured by bonds, payable to this state, with such securities, in such proportions, and on the days, that bonds are to be taken and payable for British property sold under the said first mentioned act, and the like remedy and proceedings shall be had thereon for default of any payment; and in case any claims shall be made against the said estates which the commissioners may think just, they shall certify the amount thereof to the treasurer, who shall reserve as many bonds, or as much money arising from the sales of such estates, as shall amount to such claim or claims; and the said treasurer shall also keep apart in the treasury, bonds or money paid in to the amount of one third part of the residue of the property of any such person convicted or outlawed for treason, and such money or bonds shall be safely kept in the treasury until the general assembly shall take order therein.

Purchases
warranted,
&c.

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

C H A P. XXXVIII.

An A C T for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S it appears, by the journal of accounts and list of debts, that there is now due from this state the sum of two thousand seven hundred and forty-two pounds ten shillings and six-pence specie :

Public credi-
tors may re-
ceive certifi-
cates, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all or any of the public creditors on the journal may receive a certificate or certificates from the treasurer of the western shore, signed by him, and expressing the sum, to such creditor or creditors, which shall be discounted by the collector in payment of the taxes due on the present assessment acts, or on any future assessments; or if not so discounted, the treasurer of the eastern or western shore shall receive the said certificates, and pay the same to the bearer at some future day, when money shall come into the treasury by taxes or otherwise.