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XIX, XX.
Governor and
council to sell
tobacco, &c.

V. Be it therefore enacted, That so much of the said act, as directs the governor and council to sell the wheat and flour now on hand, for the purpose aforesaid, be and hereby is repealed; and the governor and council are authorized and requested to sell and dispose of any public tobacco now on hand, which may not be specially appropriated at this session of assembly, and any tobacco, wheat, or flour, which may hereafter be raised and received in virtue of the act, entitled, A further supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, to raise the sum of twenty thousand pounds, for the payment of such creditors.

May pay cre-
ditors, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the governor and council may pay any creditors on certificates granted agreeable to the act to adjust the debts due from this state, in bills of credit of the last emission, at par, if they will receive the same.

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An ACT to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands.

Preamble.

WHEREAS there are large tracts of land within this state reserved by the late proprietaries, which may be applied in discharge of the engagement of lands made to the officers and soldiers of this state; and the granting the other vacant lands in this state would promote population, and create a fund towards defraying the public burthen:

Certain lands
appropriated,
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the lands within this state, in Washington county, westward of Fort Cumberland, and for which located warrants have not issued, or surveys been made, under common warrants, and are now bonâ fide the property of any subject of this or any of the United States, and on which the money has been actually paid, shall be and are hereby appropriated to discharge the engagement of lands heretofore made to the officers and soldiers of this state, and the residue to the use of the public, as the general assembly shall hereafter direct; and no grant shall issue on any survey made in virtue of such warrants before the order of the general assembly.

Land offices
to be held, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That there shall be a land office held for the western shore at the city of Annapolis, and for the eastern shore at the place appointed for holding the general court on that shore, under the direction and care of the registers of those offices for the time being; and such registers shall have the possession and care of the extracts of the grants and certificates of the land on their respective shores, which shall hereafter be made agreeable to the directions in the form of government; and such registers shall grant warrants for the resurveying, proclaiming, or escheating, any land within any of the counties on their respective shores; and shall also, on the order or titling of the treasurer of their shore, issue common or special warrants of vacant cultivation, for the surveying any vacant land cultivated or uncultivated,

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