

founded, the said commissioners shall and may suspend the sale of such property so claimed until the next session of the general assembly.) Which sales shall be made upon the following terms; that the purchaser shall, on the day of sale, enter into bond, with good and sufficient security, to this state, in double the sum bid for such property, conditioned for the payment of one third of the purchase money, in gold or silver, to the said commissioners, or to the honourable major-general Smallwood or his order, within ten days from the day of such purchase, and of one third of the said purchase money, to the persons aforesaid, on or before the tenth day of March next; and the remaining third, into the treasury of the western shore, on or before the tenth day of September next; or the purchaser may pay the whole or any part of the purchase money to the commissioner or commissioners attending the sale; and if any purchaser shall neglect to enter into bond as aforesaid, or having entered into such bond shall neglect to make the first payment agreeable to the condition of the said bond, or shall neglect to make the second payment agreeable to the condition of such bond, the sale shall be void, and the money, if any, paid by such purchaser, shall be forfeited to this state; and the commissioners aforesaid shall again sell the property upon the terms of this act; and upon payment of two thirds of the money first due as aforesaid, agreeable to the condition of the bond aforesaid, the commissioners aforesaid shall and may give to such purchaser a deed for the property purchased, and shall deliver him possession thereof; but if such purchaser shall neglect to make the third payment agreeable to the condition of such bond, he shall be liable to pay twenty per cent. interest on the sum by him due; and the treasurer of the western shore may and shall, upon the day of payment being elapsed, put the bond in suit against principal and securities, for the recovery of the sum due thereon and the interest aforesaid; and the property purchased, in whose-ever hands or possession it may be, shall be liable to be taken by *feri facias* to discharge any payment upon such bond.

V. And be it enacted, That all bonds taken in virtue of this act shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and that gold and silver only be received in discharge of the same; and that all money received by the commissioners aforesaid, in consequence of sales made, shall be paid to major-general Smallwood, and any purchaser may, after bond given as aforesaid, pay the whole of the money by him due to major-general Smallwood or his order; and if the third part of the purchase money, made payable into the treasury, should be paid before the first day of May next, the same shall be by the treasurer paid and delivered to general Smallwood.

Bonds to be lodged with the treasurer, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That no property shall be sold by the said commissioners for less than the same was valued at in the last assessment.

Property not to be sold for less than the assessment.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall, as soon as may be, call on all persons who entered into agreements with the late proprietary, or his commissioners, for the purchase of manor lands, and who have not paid the money by them agreed to be paid for such lands, to pay the money due upon such agreements, and, upon payment of such money, the said commissioners for preserving confiscated British property shall and may release and convey the right of this state in the said lands to the person or persons contracting for the purchase of

Purchasers of manor lands to pay the commission-ers, &c.