

then province of Maryland; which deed of conveyance, as appears by a bond, executed by the said James Russell unto the said Lancelot Lee, bearing date the day and year aforesaid, was to operate only as a mortgage for securing the payment of the said sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds sterling, with interest of five per centum: And whereas it appears, that the debt and interest aforesaid has been satisfied, and the legal estate in the said land, by the act for the confiscation of British property, being vested in this state, it is but just and reasonable that Amelia Anderton, wife of John Anderton, of Dorchester county, and heir at law to the said Lancelot Lee, should be vested with the legal estate, in fee, in the lands aforesaid:

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the tract of land aforesaid, called Rehoboath, lying in Dorchester county, and all others mortgaged by the deed aforesaid unto the said James Russell, for the debt and interest aforesaid, and lying within this state, be, and they are hereby released and confirmed unto the said Amelia Anderton, wife of John Anderton, of Dorchester county, and her heirs for ever; and the estate in fee simple in the lands aforesaid is hereby vested in the said Amelia Anderton and her heirs and assigns, in as free and ample a manner as though the said deed, by the said Lancelot Lee, to the said James Russell had never been made or executed, any thing to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Land released,
&c.

C H A P. XXII.

An ACT for the settlement and payment of sundry claims which have arisen from the transactions of the late special council on the eastern shore.

WHEREAS sundry claims against the public, arising from transactions of the said special council, remain unsettled: And whereas there is still in the hands of the said council a sum of money of the last emission, which may be sufficient for the payment thereof, and it is thought the said claims may be adjusted and paid by those gentlemen, with more ease to the parties, and with more justice to the public, than by any other means:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Matthew Tilghman, William Paca, Richard Tilghman Earle, Josiah Polk, and William Bruff, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the settlement of all claims which may have arisen against the public, in consequence of any agreement or transactions of the said special council; and the said commissioners, or any three of them, are hereby authorized to adjust all such claims, and pay the same out of any paper money of the last emission which was heretofore lodged in the hands of the said special council, provided the said claimants will receive the same at par; and the said commissioners are hereby directed and required to make regular accounts of the expenditure of all monies which were heretofore put into the hands of the said special council, and return the same into the auditor's office.

Commissioners to settle claims, &c.