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with the said flag for Providence, he was captured by an American armed vessel and carried to South-Carolina, where he was detained until lately as a prisoner of war; that the said Legh Master frequently declared his intentions of returning to this state, and taking the oath required by law, to several American officers in South-Carolina, and that nothing prevented him from returning but his then distressed circumstances, arising from his captivity; that he sought for an opportunity in South-Carolina of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States before the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, the time limited by the said act for the return of absentees, but could not obtain such opportunity until the time had elapsed; that afterwards, on or about the sixteenth day of the said month, he took the said oath, and delivered a certificate thereof to brigadier-general Gist, to be forwarded to this state, and has, since his return to this state, taken the said oath as the law directs.

In same situation as if he returned before March 1, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Legh Master shall be considered and deemed to be in the same situation, to all intents and purposes, as if he had returned to this state before the first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, and had taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation of fidelity and support to this state, prescribed by the act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, within one month after such return.

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An A C T for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S citizens of this state may have claims against persons convicted and attainted of treason, and there is no mode by which such claims can be liquidated:

How claims against attainted persons are to be settled, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every person, having any account, debt, claim, or demand, against any subject of this state, convicted and attainted of treason, and whose property has been, or hereafter may be, sold by virtue of the act to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property, may lay his account, debt, claim, or demand, before the auditor-general, who is hereby empowered and directed to liquidate and adjust the same, and the balance, if any, shall be signed by the auditor, and being passed by the intendant, may be delivered by the claimant to the treasurer of the western shore, who is hereby directed to assign to him any bond or bonds taken for the sale of the particular estate of which he is a creditor, that may be lodged in the treasury, or he may receive the money therefor, or a certificate, which may be discounted in taxes, at the option of the claimant or creditor, provided the same do not exceed the amount of the forfeited property sold as aforesaid.