

said Thomas Russell, to have the one eighth part of eleven twelfths of the said property, to which the said Thomas Russell is entitled, laid off in one of the counties before mentioned: C H A P. XLIV, XLV.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Messieurs Archibald Job, Thomas May (iron-master), and Stephen Hyland, of Cæcil county, or any two of them, be, and they are hereby, appointed, authorised, and empowered, to ascertain the value of the forge in Cæcil county, and such of the lands, negroes, stock, and utensils, as the said Thomas Russell may think necessary for carrying on the said forge; and if the said valuation shall exceed the part or share of the said Thomas Russell of the said property, the surplus shall be accounted for by him to this state; and in case the said valuation shall be less than the part or share of the said Thomas Russell, then this state engages to make good the deficiency; and the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, are hereby required to cause the same to be laid off to the said Thomas Russell, and shall convey the right of the state therein to the said Thomas Russell, his heirs and assigns for ever. Value of forge, &c. to be ascertained, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Thomas Russell be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to collect all the debts due to the said Principio company, from each and every of the subjects of this state indebted to the said company, in as full and ample manner as if the same were due to the said Thomas Russell; and to ask, demand, sue for, and recover the same, of and from each and every of the debtors to the said company, in such manner as other debts are or shall be directed by law to be recovered; and the said Thomas Russell shall, out of the money to be collected as aforesaid, pay and discharge all the debts due from the said company to any subject of this state, and the surplus, if any, after deducting the part or share of the said Thomas Russell, shall be by him paid to the treasurer of the western shore, for the use of the state; and if the debts due shall be insufficient to discharge the just claims against the said company, the deficiency shall be paid by this state. T. Russell to collect debts, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Thomas Russell shall be allowed five per cent. for the collection of all debts due to the company, except such as are due from himself, and except such debts as shall be applied to his use; and shall, on or before the first day of October next, return on oath, to the auditor-general or intendant of the revenue, a list of all debts due to the said company; and shall, previous to the collection of the debts aforesaid, enter into bond, with good and sufficient security, in the sum of five thousand pounds current money, to settle his account with the said auditor-general and intendant. To be allowed 5 per cent. &c.

C H A P. XLV.

An ACT to empower Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, to settle and collect the debts due to Thomas Philpot, of London, merchant, and to apply the same.

WHEREAS Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, hath by his petition to this general assembly set forth, that he was, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy, appointed Preamble.
agent