

said act he hath found, upon a careful and accurate examination into the affairs of the said Thomas Philpot, and the debts due to him in this state, that the separate personal claims of the said Thomas Philpot, when collected, will not be sufficient, by a considerable sum, to exonerate and discharge the said Frank Leeke from his engagements for the said Thomas Philpot; and that the said Thomas Philpot, at the time of passing the law for the confiscation of British property, was entitled to and seized in fee of a tract of land called Wells's Invention, lying in Frederick county, containing about five hundred and seventeen acres, which has not been sold by the commissioners of confiscated estates; and hath prayed, that a law may pass, empowering him to dispose of the said tract of land, and apply the produce of the said sale, or such part thereof as may be necessary, to discharge his engagements aforesaid: And the said facts alleged appearing to this general assembly to be true,

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II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said Frank Leeke be and is hereby authorized and empowered, after giving six weeks notice in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, to dispose of all the right of the said Thomas Philpot to the tract of land aforesaid, called Wells's Invention (taken and not sold by the commissioners of confiscated estates, as above recited), at public vendue, for current money, at not less than the assessment, upon one year's credit, on or before the first day of October next; and the money arising upon the said sale, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, shall be faithfully applied by the said Frank Leeke, to discharge the engagements which he has entered into on account of the said Thomas Philpot, and the residue, if any, shall be paid by the said Frank Leeke to the treasurer of the western shore, subject to the orders of the general assembly.

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An ACT to continue the civil causes depending in the general court for the western shore, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS matters of great importance, which require the deliberation and attendance of every member of the general assembly, are now under their consideration, and the business of the general court, now sitting, has been found to interfere materially therewith: Therefore,

Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all civil causes in the general court for the western shore, which are ruled for trial at the May term for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, shall be continued until the next term; and each cause shall stand for trial, on the same day of the next term, as shall be marked and noted on the docket of the said court for the present term, or the court may appoint any other day in the next term for the trial thereof.

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nued, &c.

III. *And,* Whereas the limitation of the continuance of suits at law, in the present unsettled state of public affairs, may obstruct or prevent the administration of justice, *Be it enacted,* That the court of appeals and the general court, or any county court may, at their discretion, continue

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