

A Supplement to the act to authorise the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, to convey certain lands in Wiccomico manor to several of the tenants thereof.

W H E R E A S, by the aforesaid act, the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, were directed to convey, to the several tenants therein mentioned, the several tracts which they held in the manor aforesaid, at the time of passing the said act, by virtue of the agreement which they made with the commissioners of the late lord Baltimore for the purchase thereof, at the rate of twenty-five pounds currency per hundred acres; and it being represented to this general assembly, that a number of the tenants of the aforesaid manor, and who made similar agreements with the commissioners aforesaid for the purchase of their respective lots, are not included in the aforesaid act: And this assembly deeming it right and just, that all the tenants of the manor aforesaid, who agreed as aforesaid, for the purchase of the several lots they now hold, should be equally benefited:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, or any one of them, being fully satisfied of such agreement, shall have full power and authority, and they are hereby directed, to convey and confirm, to each and every of the tenants of said manor, their heirs and assigns for ever, the several lots which they now hold in the manor aforesaid by virtue of such agreement, upon payment by the said tenants at the rate of twenty-five pounds current money per hundred acres.

Lots to be confirmed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the commissioners, or any one of them, may, and they are hereby directed to offer for sale, the residue of said manor, giving the tenants or occupiers thereof the preference of purchasing their respective tenements, at a reasonable and moderate price, and on the terms of payment hereafter mentioned; and upon neglect or refusal of the said tenants or occupiers, that then the residue of the said manor shall be sold by the commissioners aforesaid, at public sale, to the highest bidder, after giving six weeks notice in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, and by advertisements set up in the most frequented place of the neighbourhood of such manor, on the following terms, to wit: That on the day of sale (or within five days thereafter, if so agreed by the commissioners) the purchaser shall give bond, in current money, with good security, in double the purchase money, conditioned for payment to the state, of one third in one year, one third in two years, and the residue in three years, from the day of sale, with interest of six per cent. and if any purchaser shall neglect to give bond within the time limited, he shall forfeit five per cent. on the purchase money, to be recovered as directed by the supplement to the act to raise recruits, passed April session seventeen hundred and eighty-two; and if he shall give bond, and neglect to make payment at the respective times appointed, that he be compelled thereto, in the manner directed

Residue to be sold, &c.