

the treasurers, or of any of the collectors, or to be collected, be paid into the hands of the intendant of the revenue, for the purpose aforesaid; and so much of the act of April session one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An additional Supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, as directs the treasurer of the western shore to send the same to the continental treasury, or pay the same to order of congress, is hereby repealed.

C H A P.
XXII, XXIII.

IV. And be it enacted, That the intendant is hereby authorized and empowered to sell so much of the specifics, as are collected in virtue of the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, or of the money received for that part of the tax that may be discharged in specifics, to the amount of thirteen thousand pounds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be applied to the purposes aforesaid.

Intendant to
sell specifics,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the intendant of the revenue may apply so much of the money arising from the sales of property to carry on the recruiting service, and so much of the funds established for the defence of the bay, (not already expended, or necessary to defray the charges already incurred) as may be fully sufficient to discharge the pay due to the officers and soldiers as aforesaid.

May apply
money, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That the intendant shall and may apply so much money or specifics, due for taxes before the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, as shall be necessary for the purpose aforesaid; and if the five shillings specie tax, or the specifics for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, should be applied to carry this act into execution, before the debts for arrearages before the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two are received, the intendant shall replace the sum raised from the five shilling specie tax, and the specifics for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, out of such arrearages.

Or specifics,
&c.

VII. And be it enacted, That the intendant may, in his discretion, sell a quantity not exceeding four hundred hogheads of tobacco now on hand, for the purpose of carrying this act into execution, and discharging the five months pay aforesaid.

May sell to-
bacco on
hand, &c.

C H A P. XXIII.

An ACT to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful, after the passing this act, to import or bring into this state, by land or water, any negro, mulatto, or other slave, for sale, or to reside within this state; and any person brought into this state as a slave contrary to this act, if a slave before, shall thereupon immediately cease to be a slave, and shall be free; provided that this act shall not prohibit any person, being a citizen of some one of the United States, coming into this state, with a bonâ fide intention of settling therein, and who shall actually reside within this state for one year at least, to be computed from and next succeeding his coming into the state, to import or bring in any slave or slaves which before belonged to such person, and which slave or slaves had been an inhabitant of

Slaves not to
be imported,
&c.