

intention of the before recited act, to grant an indulgence for five years for the payment of the principal;

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no execution shall issue against any of the said debtors before the twentieth day of this instant, March, of which notice shall be given in the Annapolis gazette and Baltimore journal by the treasurer of the western shore, and after that day, the said treasurer, agreeably to the directions of the aforesaid recited act, shall order any of the said bonds on which a credit is given for five years as aforesaid, and on which one year's interest shall not be paid before that day, to be recorded by the clerk of the general court of either shore on which the obligor or obligors reside, and shall direct that executions issue thereon for one year's interest, due on the first day of September last, and if interest be not paid by the first day of September annually, the treasurer shall, every year, until the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety, issue executions in the same manner, to compel payment of the annual interest due on such bonds; and the sheriff, or other officer, to whom such executions shall be directed, shall levy, in virtue thereof, no more than the amount of one year's interest and costs; and after the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety, executions shall issue on all the said bonds to compel payment of the principal and all the interest due, and the officer shall fully obey the directions of the said execution, and upon the return of such execution the defendant shall, on motion to set it aside, be allowed to shew any matter or thing which he could have pleaded in bar of the action had it been commenced in the usual way, but the judges shall determine on the said motion the first court.

No execution shall issue on bonds for the emissions of June, 1780; &c.

III. And be it enacted, That no execution shall issue on any bonds taken for the redemption and payment of continental state money, before the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, unless, from the circumstances of the debtors, the interest of the state may render it necessary, or unless for the indemnification of securities, and the said treasurer shall be judge in both cases.

Or bonds for continental state money, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That no process shall issue on the bonds taken for the emission of June seventeen hundred and eighty, (commonly called state money) before the first day of July next, unless the circumstances of the debtor, or the indemnification of securities, may render it necessary as aforesaid; and no process shall issue on the bonds taken for specie, pledged by act of November session seventeen hundred and eighty-four to redeem the two emissions of state and continental state money, before the first day of June next, provided the said debtors, before that day, pay into the treasury one half of their debts in specie, or state or continental state money, and in such case the said debtors shall have indulgence for the residue until the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; and in case of neglect after the first day of June next, process shall issue, and all the money due on the said bonds shall be applied to the redemption of the state money.

No process to issue on certain bonds, &c.

V. And, whereas it is unjust that the persons who have not complied with the terms of sale prescribed by the laws directing the sales of confiscated property, and have not yet bonded for the said property by them purchased, should be placed on a better footing than the purchasers of said property, who have passed their bonds pursuant to the directions of the laws aforesaid, Be it enacted, That each and every purchaser of confiscated property, pledged for the redemption of the two emissions of June seventeen hundred and eighty, who hath not yet bonded for the same, shall give bond on or before the first day of June next, with such security as

Purchasers to give bond, &c.