

A P R I L S E S S I O N, 1787.

due thereon, in final settlements, interest whereof unpaid since December, 1784, at the rate of twenty-two shillings and six-pence principal of such finals for every ten shillings due on the said bonds, including the interest thereon to the time of such payment, one third of the principal, with the interest then due, being paid on or before the tenth day of September next; another third of the principal, with the interest due, being paid on or before the first day of March next; and the residue of principal and interest due being paid on or before the first day of June, 1788: Provided, that if any of the aforesaid debtors shall omit or neglect to make payment of one third part of their respective debts aforesaid, in manner aforesaid, with interest as aforesaid, by the tenth day of September next, that the treasurer of the western shore shall order execution against such delinquent debtor or debtors for the whole amount of the principal and interest due from them respectively, according to the true intent and meaning of their original contracts; and in case default shall be made by the said debtors, or any of them, in paying one other third part of the principal, with the interest due, on the first day of March next, in manner aforesaid, that then, and in such case, the first payment made by the said debtors shall be forfeited, and executions shall issue for the whole principal and interest, in manner as is directed in case of failure of the first payment; and if the said debtors, or any of them, shall make default in the last payment, on the first day of June, 1788, that then executions shall issue against the said debtor or debtors for neglecting, for the remaining third part of the principal and interest due from them respectively, agreeably to their original contracts; and the same shall be levied and received from the said debtors, notwithstanding the two first payments have been made in final settlements as aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue against any of the said debtors who shall make payment in final settlements in manner aforesaid; and that on the said payments being made, they be released from their bonds, contracts and judgments, as the case may be.

RESOLVED, That continental state and state money, with the interest calculated thereon, be received in payment of all taxes, except the ten shillings tax, and the duties appropriated to congress.

RESOLVED, That any debtor to this state, whose original purchase or contract was for state or continental state money, may discharge any balance due by him in consequence of such purchase or contract, in final settlements at the same rate, and on the same terms and conditions, as debtors on bond, conditioned for the payment of either of the said emissions, and executions or other process against any such debtors shall be stayed or countermanded, in the same manner as against debtors on bond as aforesaid.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly by sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, that they purchased certain lands in the said county from the late intendant of the revenue in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and gave bonds for payment, with annual interest, under the expectation that six weeks notice would be given to them of the time of payment of the interest due on their bonds, and that some person would be appointed to receive the interest of the purchase money, which in many instances amounted only to a few shillings; and that executions were issued from the general court of the western shore to compel payment of the very trivial sums due on their bonds for interest, which were set aside by the general court, and afterwards writs issued against the aforesaid debtors for the same purpose, and great and exorbitant fees were claimed, in many instances far above the sums due for interest, and the treasurer declined to receive the said interest without payment of the aforesaid fees; and this general assembly are desirous of granting relief to all reasonable applications by any of the citizens of this state; RESOLVED, That the debtors on the said bonds be permitted to pay the interest, or the principal and interest due by them to the public without any costs, at any time before the first day of August next, and that in the mean time no declaration shall be filed, or any thing further done in the said suits whereby the costs therein may be increased