

time of payment is elapsed, or extended by the indulgence of the legislature, may give notice in writing to the principal debtor, that he requires him to give new security to the state for the debt and interest then due, and such principal debtor shall, within six weeks after such notice and request, give new bond to the state, with two good securities, for the payment of the debt and interest then due, which securities shall be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore; and to enable him to judge the better of their sufficiency, he may require a certificate of the assessment of their property, and may examine them on oath or affirmation (to be administered by him) touching their property, and the value thereof, or any encumbrance thereon; and the said treasurer is directed not to accept the new securities, unless he shall be fully satisfied that they are sufficient; and on the treasurer approving the said new bond, he shall endorse thereon, that such new bond is given in lieu of the old bond, which shall then be cancelled, and such new bond shall be subject, to every intent and purpose, to the same mode of recovery as the first bond; and if the principal debtor shall refuse to give such new security as above directed, within the said six weeks, the said treasurer (on the request of the security, or his executor or administrator; and a copy of the said notice and request being lodged with him, with an affidavit thereon of the service) shall order an execution against the principal on his bond for the whole debt and interest with costs.

III. And be it enacted, That where any principal debtor to the state shall die, the time of payment being elapsed, or extended by the legislature, any security of such principal debtor, or the executor or administrator of such security, may give notice in writing to the executor or administrator of such principal debtor in the same manner as notice might be given to the principal, if living; and on neglect of the executor or administrator to give such new security, the treasurer of the western shore, on request of such security, or his executor or administrator, and on a copy of notice and request, and affidavit of the service thereof, being lodged with him, shall order *scire facias* against the executor or administrator of such principal debtor on his bond for the whole debt and costs, and on judgment being obtained, the said treasurer shall issue execution thereon.

Where the principal shall die, security, &c. may give notice, &c.

C H A P. XLI.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Passed December 17.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts of this session, that there is now due from this state the sum of seven thousand five hundred and six pounds thirteen shillings and one penny, current money:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore shall, and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the said journal of accounts, out of any money now in the treasury, or that shall come into the treasury, subject to the appropriation of the general assembly.

Treasurer to pay journal of accounts, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That all or any of the public creditors on the journal, may have their election to receive a certificate or certificates from the treasurer of the western shore, signed by him, and expressing in the whole of such certificates the sum of current money due to such creditor or creditors respectively, which certificates shall be payable to the collectors of taxes due on any public assessment, or in the treasury for interest due, or composition on certificates; and any collector may pay any such certificates into the treasury as specie, without any oath concerning his receipt thereof; or, if any of the said certificates shall not be so discounted, the treasurer of the western or eastern shore shall receive the said certificates, and pay the money due thereon to the bearer, out of any money in the treasury, and subject to be appropriated by the general assembly; and the treasurer of the western shore shall, on the request of any person having an allowance on the said journal, and not taking a certificate as aforesaid, retain

Creditors may receive certificates, &c.