

"And, whereas there remains a quantity of confiscated British property which was not sold either by the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, or the late intendant or agent of the state: And whereas several discoveries have been made of confiscated property since the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, but for want of a power in the governor and council to make a composition, the necessary papers cannot be procured, so as to sell the right of the state; therefore Be it enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby empowered and directed to dispose of all confiscated British property now remaining unsold as aforesaid, for depreciation or liquidated state certificates, to be paid in three equal yearly payments, on bonds to be given by the purchaser, with approved security, the property of principal and security to be bound in the same manner, and under the limitations herein before prescribed, and to give due notice in the several news-papers within the state, and such other notice as they may think proper, of the terms and time of sale, and to appoint a proper person to sell the same.

"And be it enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby empowered and directed to compound with all persons who have made discoveries of confiscated British property since the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, or who shall hereafter make discovery in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as prescribed by the act, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and to sell the same as above mentioned, and the bonds or money arising from the sale of the property as aforesaid, shall be and are hereby appropriated to the discharge of the principal and interest of depreciation or liquidated specie certificates of this state.

"And, whereas several debts have originated on the sale of confiscated British property since the consolidating act, which still remain unsettled, therefore Be it further enacted, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to call upon all persons indebted as aforesaid to settle and discharge their respective accounts on or before the first day of August, seventeen hundred and ninety, and upon their refusal or neglect to settle and make payment, or to instal, upon the terms and conditions prescribed in this act, to proceed against the said debtors according to law.

"And be it enacted, That bonds for confiscated property sold for the redemption of black state and continental state money, and specie bonds pledged for the redemption of such monies, may be installed upon the terms and conditions as bonds for confiscated property under this act.

"And be it enacted, That where any sales of property shall be made by any agent, or other person in virtue of this act, no other warranty of title to such property shall be given than to preclude the future claims of the state."

Mr. Houston, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the importation of slaves into this state, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 24, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.

And the bill, entitled, An act to amend and alter sundry parts of an act of assembly passed at November session, 1782, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 24, 1789: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Also the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1789.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, hath resigned his appointment as one of the commissioners for building a new prison in the city of Annapolis, RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Wallace be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner in the place of the said Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, and he shall have all the power of any one of the said commissioners.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1789.

Whereas it appears from the muster-rolls of the Maryland line, that there remains a considerable sum due to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers for their services in the late continental army, many of whom have made application to this general assembly for payment, the time for granting the depreciation of pay by the auditor-general to the officers and soldiers having elapsed; and it appearing reasonable and right, that men who have served faithfully should be rewarded for such services, therefore RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed to examine the musters of the Maryland line, and other documents that may be offered to them, and make out, in the name of each person, the amount of pay that may appear to be due him for his services in the late continental army, and issue a certificate or certificates in the same manner that the officers and soldiers have heretofore been paid, and lodge the same in the hands of the western shore treasurer,

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