

answerable at law for the said property to the party from whom it was taken.

On perpetual injunction, bond to the state to be cancelled, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where the chancellor has or shall decree a perpetual injunction against the state of Maryland, in favour of persons who have purchased British property to which the state had no title, the chancellor is hereby authorized to give his order to the treasurer of the western shore directing him to cancel the bond or bonds, or such other evidence of the debt, as shall have been given at the time of making the said purchase.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT for appointing a Wreck-master in Worcester county. Supplements, 1799, ch. 92; 1806, ch. 58; 1807, ch. 19.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, from the exposure of the south-east bounds of Worcester county to the Atlantic ocean, many vessels have been and may hereafter be stranded on the sea-coast in the county aforesaid, and the goods, or other property, belonging to such vessel or vessels may be embezzled and stolen, to the great injury of the owners or insurers, and it would be highly expedient to appoint a wreck-master in said county; therefore,

A wreck-master to be appointed, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful for the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, and he is hereby required to nominate and appoint one discreet and sensible person, residing on or near the bay or sea shores of Worcester county, to act in the office of a wreck-master, whose business and duty it shall be, on the earliest intelligence, or on application to him made by or on behalf of any owner or commander of a ship or other vessel being in danger of being stranded, or being stranded, to command any constable or constables, to be appointed by him for that purpose, nearest the coast where such ship or vessel shall be in danger, to summon as many men as shall be thought necessary to the assistance of such ship or vessel; and if there shall be any ship or vessel belonging to any citizen of this state riding near the place, the wreck-master shall have power to demand of the commanding officer of such ship or vessel assistance by their boats, and such hands as they can conveniently spare; and if any commanding officer shall neglect to give such assistance, he shall forfeit one hundred pounds, to be recovered by the officer or owner of the ship in distress, with costs, in any court of record within this state; and the wreck-master, and the commanding officer of any ship or vessel, and all others who shall assist in preserving any ship or other vessel in distress, or their cargoes, shall, within forty days, be paid a reasonable reward by the commander or owner of the ship or other