

C H A P. V. of the money so received at the time the same was as aforesaid converted to his own use.

New bills a tender for debts, &c.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That the bills of credit emitted by the act of assembly to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit, if necessary, and the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, and the bills of credit to be emitted in virtue of this act, shall be a tender for all debts contracted before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, and all debts for gold, silver or sterling, contracted since that day and before the twelfth day of June last, at the passing current value of the said bills of credit at the time of tender, and not otherwise, that value to be ascertained by a jury.

From July 1, &c. not to be reckoned as part of the time limited, &c.

XIV. **And be it enacted,** That all that space of time from the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, to the passing of this act, shall not be reckoned or considered as part of the time limited by law for bringing or prosecuting any action or suit for recovery of any debt due by judgment, bond, bill, note, account, contract, or otherwise, and this act and the special matter may be given in evidence on the general replication.

Suits not to be commenced for certain debts, &c.

XV. **And be it enacted,** That no suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by any creditor against his debtor, for a debt contracted before the first day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, or after that day and before the twelfth day of June last, for gold, silver or sterling, in less than two years from the passing this act, unless the debtor shall neglect or refuse to pay the interest annually due on such debt, in gold or silver, or new bills at the value, in thirty days after a demand made, or hath removed or shall be about to remove himself or his effects out of this state, or shall refuse to renew his obligation, with securities, if required by his creditors. Provided always, that this act shall not be extended to actions to be prosecuted against guardians, executors, administrators, or trustees, and that the said time shall not be taken or held as part of the time limited by law for prosecuting such suits.

Commissioner not to allow any other exchange than one for forty, &c.

XVI. **And be it enacted,** That the commissioner of the continental loan-office shall not allow for continental bills of credit any other rate of exchange than one dollar of the new bills for forty dollars continental currency, and so much of the act, entitled, An act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, as directs a different rate of exchange, shall be and is hereby repealed and made void.

#### C H A P. VI.

An ACT to enable the trustees for the poor of Frederick county to rent out the poor-house, and apply the rent towards the support of the poor of that county.

The trustees are enabled to lease the house from time to time, for any term not exceeding one year, on full rent, to sell any of the utensils or personal property belonging to it, to place out the poor, to apply the money arising from the rent and sale aforesaid to their maintenance; and in case this money be inadequate, the county court may levy the sum requisite on the inhabitants of the county, upon the trustees producing an account of their receipts, expences and contracts.

#### C H A P. VII.

An ACT for the appointment of visitors for Queen-Anne's county free-school.

Seven persons are appointed to this office, with a proviso, that they shall not act before they take the several oaths of allegiance, and subscribe a declaration of belief in the christian religion. The oaths they may administer to each other.

#### C H A P. VIII.

An ACT for the further adjournment of Saint-Mary's and Prince-George's county courts.

Saint-Mary's county court to the 27th of February, and Prince-George's county court to the fourth Tuesday in March next.

#### C H A P. IX.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army.

Empowering the county lieutenants to make discretionary deductions from the tax imposed under the act of June, 1780, ch. 10 and 23, on the property of persons not being nonjurors, who have, since the passage