

## C H A P. XXXIV.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, by an act, entitled, An act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, and the supplement thereto, all persons are authorized to carry in to, and lodge with, the treasurer of the western shore, their several claims against persons convicted of treason, but neither of the above recited acts fix any time for the distribution and payment of such claims; therefore,

Treasurer to give notice, &amp;c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed, to advertise in the Pennsylvania and Maryland gazettes, and Baltimore journal, eight weeks successively, giving notice to all persons, creditors of the above description of men, to bring into his office their several and respective claims, on or before the first day of October next, otherwise they will be precluded of a dividend of such person's estate, in case the same shall be insufficient to discharge all the just debts that may come in against said estate.

To make distribution, &amp;c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said treasurer shall and he is hereby directed, after the aforesaid first day of October next, to proceed to make distribution and payment according to law, to those creditors who have just claims against said estates.

Commissioners to take in to possession books, &amp;c.

IV. *And,* whereas there may be debts due to the aforesaid persons convicted of treason; therefore, *Be it enacted,* That the commissioners for the preservation and sale of British property, be and they are hereby directed, to take into their possession all books, accounts, or other papers, belonging to such persons, and that they be and are hereby authorized and directed, to collect, and if need be, to sue for and recover, in the name of this state, all such debts, dues and demands, as they shall discover to be due to the persons aforesaid, and pay the same, after deducting ten *per cent.* commission for their trouble and expence, into the treasury, and that the monies so paid in, shall be considered as part of the estate of the persons to whom due, and applied toward discharging the claims against such estate respectively.

Contracts to be carried in to effect, &amp;c.

V. *And,* whereas there may have been contracts and sales made by persons convicted of treason with citizens of this or some adjacent state previous to the commission of such crime, and there being no remedy by law for the compelling a compliance with such contracts and sales, *Be it enacted,* That in all cases where there has been a contract, or sale of any real or personal property, made by any of the persons convicted of treason as aforesaid, which said contract or sale was made and created previous to the commission of the crime of treason as aforesaid, that in such case it shall and may be lawful for the commissioners aforesaid to carry all such sales or contracts into effect, where it shall appear to them to be just and reasonable, and in case of a dispute between the said commissioners and the party or parties, to leave the same to the chancellor, who, upon hearing the parties, may decree upon the same.

## C H A P. XXXV.

An ACT to empower Isaac Marshall, of Somerset county, surviving executor of Aaron Tilghman, deceased, to sell certain lands therein mentioned, devised by the said Aaron Tilghman to be sold for the payment of his debts and legacies. *PR.*

## C H A P. XXXVI.

An ACT to regulate trade and commerce.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it appears just and reasonable, that duties on damaged goods, wares and merchandise, imported into this state, should be paid only on the value of such goods, wares and merchandise; therefore,