

finish the transactions and sales of the late intendant of the revenue, and of the commissioners for confiscated British property, and to take into his possession and care all books and papers respecting the same, and to settle with the purchasers of the said property who have hitherto refused or neglected to give bonds, and to take the same agreeably to the terms and conditions of sale, and the directions of the acts of assembly relating to such debtors, and to make sale of all the confiscated British property that remains unsold, at auction or at private sale, to tenants or settlers, to whom a preference of purchase shall be given as directed by law, on bond, with security, payable on or before the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety, with interest annually, and to empower such person to compound with any person who shall make discovery to him, before first of August next, of any British property, and to give not exceeding one third of the value thereof to any person who shall, after the said first day of August, and before the first day of May seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, make discovery to him of any British property; and the governor and the council are requested to advise and instruct such person so to be appointed, from time to time, as to the execution of the several matters aforesaid.

C. F. A. P. LXXVIII. to finish the transactions of the intendant, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to appoint some fit and proper person to treat with the Indians entitled, under any act of assembly, to any lands in Dorchester county, for the purchasing the said lands, or any part thereof, on behalf of this state, and to agree with them on the terms of the said purchase for a certain annual sum to be paid to the said Indians as long as any of them shall remain, and to take a deed to the state expressing the conditions, which said deed shall be acknowledged before the general court of the eastern shore, or the court of Dorchester county, in open court, at the election of the said Indians, and if such purchase be made, the person so appointed shall sell the same, at auction, for current money, in such lots or parcels as will probably bring the best price, on a credit of one third of the purchase money annually until the whole is paid, with interest annually on the several sums, or the governor and the council may, in their discretion, direct a sale of the said lands for state or continental government securities, and eight weeks notice shall be given previous to the sale in the Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and New-York newspapers.

To treat with the Indians, &c.

V. And, whereas the amount of continental securities in the possession of the citizens of this state falls greatly short of the proportion or quota of the continental debt due from this state, and it is prudent to procure a sufficient quantity of such securities on the best terms to make good such deficiency, Be it enacted, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to appoint some fit and proper person to procure, by purchase or contract, certificates issued by congress, commonly called final settlements, or other liquidated securities of the United States.

And to procure certificates, &c.

VI. And, as a fund for the said purchase, Be it enacted, That all money obtained on loan in Holland, or in this state, and all the arrears of taxes to January seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and not appropriated to congress, to the civil list, to the payment of the deficiency of interest to the creditors of the state, or otherwise particularly applied, and all the money to be collected and received in virtue of the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, except so much as may be necessary to defray the current expences of the state for the ensuing year, and to pay any deficiency of interest to the state creditors, shall be and hereby is appropriated to the purchase of the said certificates.

Money appropriated to the purchase of certificates, &c.