

faid; and the faid commissioners shall return to the next general assembly a list or account of all such British property by them discovered, to whom the same belonged, the persons, if any, to whose keeping they committed the same, and the sums to which the same shall be valued in the next valuation of property, and the inventory aforesaid shall also be returned to the general assembly, with the list or account aforesaid; but in case any person shall be in possession of any of the said property, and claim the same, such property shall not be taken out of his possession, if he gives good and sufficient security in double the value thereof, that the same, if moveable, shall be produced when called for by the commissioners not any way damaged or injured, or if real, that no waste or destruction shall be committed thereon, but that the same shall be kept and preserved in as good order and repair as the same may then be in, until the title thereto shall be determined; and in case either of the said commissioners should refuse to act, or die, in the recess of the assembly, the governor and the council are to appoint another in his stead, to act as commissioner till the next meeting of the general assembly.

C H A P
XLIX.

II. And be it enacted, That before any commissioner shall act as such, he shall take the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, that as commissioner under the act for appointing commissioners to preserve confiscated British property, I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the trust reposed in me, and the duties of my office, diligently, impartially and faithfully. So help me God."

To take an
oath, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall be empowered to appoint a clerk, who shall make true entries of their proceedings, and before he acts as clerk shall take an oath, diligently and truly to execute his said office; and each of the said commissioners shall be allowed fifty shillings, in Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, or in bills of credit to the value thereof, for each day he shall attend in the execution of his office, besides the like sum for each day's itinerant charges; and the said clerk shall also be allowed thirty shillings like money for each day's attendance, besides the like sum for each day's itinerant charges.

May appoint
a clerk, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners are also hereby declared to be in the full and actual seizin and possession of all property within this state which belonged to any person outlawed for treason, and may appoint proper persons to take care of and preserve the same from waste or destruction, and inventory and return the same to the general assembly at the next session, in the same manner as if the same was confiscated British property, to the end that proper measures may be taken for the disposition thereof, in the manner most advantageous for the public, and the purpose to which the same is appropriated.

In possession
of property of
persons out-
lawed, &c.

C H A P. L.

An ACT to secure disaffected persons.

To continue until the end of the next session. Expired.

C H A P. LI.

An ACT to procure a loan, and for the sale of escheat lands, and the confiscated British property therein mentioned.

WHEREAS it is necessary to procure a sum of specie, for the immediate relief of such of the quota of the troops of this state in the continental service as are prisoners with the enemy, cloathing for the recruits to be raised in this state, and a sum of money to defray the immediate and necessary expences of government, until the taxes imposed by act of this session can be collected:

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That a premium, at the rate of ten pounds on every hundred pounds which may be lent to this state (in any sum not less than ten pounds) in gold or silver, until eight thousand pounds shall be so obtained, be allowed to the person making such loan; that a premium,

Premium on
loans, &c.

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