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passed, be entitled to a patent therefor, upon the same terms and under such regulations as in the case of a survey to affect vacant land in every respect, except that such purchaser shall not be obliged to pay any other composition money.

Money to be  
remitted to  
congress.

V. And be it enacted, That the money arising from the sales of the property aforesaid, shall be remitted to congress, together with the money arising from the sale of Wiccomico manor.

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An ACT respecting claims to confiscated British property, and to direct the commissioners in certain cases.

Property al-  
ready seized,  
to be claimed  
by March 1,  
&c.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases, where the commissioners have taken into possession real or personal property, supposing the same to be the property of the state, every person claiming any right or interest in the same, shall deliver to the commissioners his claim in writing, on or before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and every person who has already put in any claim to such property taken into possession by the commissioners, shall prosecute his action for the recovery of the same, on or before the said first day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three.

Hereafter, in  
one year, &c.

II And be it enacted, That in all cases where the commissioners shall hereafter take into possession real or personal property supposed to belong to the state, every person claiming any right or interest in the same, shall deliver to the commissioners in writing his claim to the said property, within one year after the commissioners shall take the said property into their possession, and shall commence and prosecute his action within six months thereafter; all which actions shall be brought against the state as defendant, by issuing a summons in personal actions, directed to the commissioners, or any one of them, or to the attorney-general, and sending with such summons a short note expressing the cause of action, and in ejectments by sending a copy, to be delivered to either of the commissioners, or to the attorney-general.

Persons ne-  
glecting, bar-  
red of right,  
&c.

III. And be it enacted, That every person who shall neglect to deliver in his claim as aforesaid, or who shall neglect to prosecute his action as above provided, shall for ever be barred of all his right and interest in such property so taken into possession by the commissioners, saving to infants, feme coverts, persons out of the state, in prison, or of unsound mind, their right for one year after disability removed.

Actions of  
trover may be  
prosecuted,  
&c.

IV. And be it enacted, That in all cases where the commissioners, upon examination, have reason to believe that the state is entitled to real or personal property in the possession of any persons claiming the same, they shall, for the recovery of personal property, prosecute in the general court (or in the county court if of small value) actions of trover or replevin, in the name of the state, in which it shall be sufficient to lay the property in the state, and to give in evidence, that the things for which the suit is prosecuted were the property of some person whose estate is forfeited or confiscated, and that the state is entitled