

twenty-fifth day of September, seventeen hundred and seventy, be and is hereby continued for seven years, and to the end of the next session of assembly thereafter. C H A P. XVIII.

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An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Passed May 27.

WHEREAS it appears by the journal of accounts and list of debts of this session, that there is now due from this state the sum of three thousand and five pounds twelve shillings and four-pence current money: Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the western shore shall and he is hereby authorized and required to pay the several persons, their executors, administrators, assigns or orders, or to such of them as shall offer to receive the same, the several sums of current money allowed to them respectively, as they appear to be settled and ascertained by the journal of accounts aforesaid. Treasurer to pay journal of accounts, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That all or any of the public creditors on the said journal, may have their election to receive a certificate or certificates from the treasurer of the western shore, signed by him, expressing in the whole of such certificates the sum of current money due to such creditor or creditors respectively, which certificates shall be payable to the collectors of taxes due on any public assessment, or in the treasury for interest due, or composition on certificates, and any collector may pay any such certificates into the treasury as specie, without any oath concerning his receipt thereof, or if any of the said certificates shall not be so discounted, the treasurer of the western or eastern shore shall receive the said certificates, and pay the money due thereon to the bearer, out of any money in the treasury subject to the appropriation of the general assembly; and the treasurer of the western shore shall, on the request of any person having an allowance on the said journal, and not taking a certificate as aforesaid, retain in his hands, of the money now in the treasury, or which shall first come into the treasury, sufficient wherewith to satisfy such allowance, or the balance thereof, for which a certificate shall not have been given, and shall pay the same to the person to whom the same is due, or his order. Creditors may receive certificates, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the officers of government, and members of congress, shall have their election to receive for their salaries certificates as aforesaid, payable for all taxes, interest, and composition as aforesaid, and may be paid into the treasury by any collector without the usual oath, or if not discounted, the treasurer of the western or eastern shore shall receive the same, if offered, and discharge the same certificates out of any money in the treasury, or which shall come into the treasury, subject to the disposition of the general assembly. Officers, &c. to have their salaries, &c.

RESOLUTIONS assented to May Session, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the executive be requested to take charge of and preserve the engrossed copy of the form of government proposed for the United States, with an annexed duplicate of the ratification of it by the late convention of this state.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore be directed to pay unto Mary Wiley, formerly of Cæcil county, but now of Kent county, or her order, the sum of one hundred and five pounds current money, with legal interest thereon from the fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

WHEREAS the late intendant of the revenue sold several parcels of land in Cæcil county, formerly within the lines of the province of Pennsylvania, which lands, or parts thereof, the purchasers claim title to under grants from the proprietors

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prietors of said province, and the said proprietors also claim an interest in certain parcels of said land; RESOLVED, That no proceedings be had against the purchasers before the end of the next session of assembly, and that when the claims above mentioned are adjusted, patents may issue on such lands as this state had a right in, any defect in the authority of the late intendant to sell the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general settle with Richard Sansbury for his depreciation of pay, and that the treasurer of the western shore grant him a certificate for what balance may be certified to be due by the auditor-general.

UPON a second reading of the report of the committee appointed on the petition of Doctor Henry Stevenson, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore deliver to the said Henry Stevenson a certificate payable as other public creditors, or discountable in taxes, at his option, for the amount of all money received by the said treasurer, first deducting the commission on the sales of the confiscated property of the said Henry Stevenson; and that the said treasurer shall also deliver and assign to the said Henry Stevenson, all such bonds as have been taken for the sales of any of the property aforesaid that remain unpaid, either in the whole or in part, upon the said Henry Stevenson giving bond to the state, with such security as the treasurer shall approve, for the payment of all just debts due from the said Henry Stevenson to any citizen of this or any of the United States, and contracted before the confiscation of his property; and the said Henry Stevenson, on receipt of the said bonds, shall, in the name of the state, and for his own use and benefit, have the same remedy for the recovery of the money due thereon as the state now has by law.

WHEREAS by a resolve passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, all persons indebted to the state for purchases made in black and continental state money, were permitted to pay off their debts in final settlement certificates, and many of the said debtors have, in compliance with the said resolves, discharged two third parts of their debts, and have applied to be allowed a longer time to pay off the residue; RESOLVED, That the time limited for the last payment be extended until the first day of September next, and that no execution issue against the said debtors which have made the two payments in final settlement certificates at the times limited thereby, until the said first day of September next.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore grant a certificate, payable in taxes, to Benjamin Amos, of Harford county, for the sum of nine pounds nineteen shillings and six-pence, on account of two land warrants.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore, upon the receipt, by the first day of September next, of the amount of the final settlement certificates, for which the trustees, under the act, entitled, An act to empower Sarah Buchanan, executrix of Archibald Buchanan, deceased, Alexander Cowan, Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, and Benjamin Nicholson, have sold the real property of the said Archibald Buchanan, shall be empowered, and and he is hereby directed, further to suspend all further proceedings against the securities of the said Archibald Buchanan, until the end of the next session of assembly.

RESOLVED, That no collection be made of the fines incurred by Samuel Hughes, Josiah Johnson, Archibald Patison, Walter Bowie and George Jackson, for not attending this session as members of the general assembly, until the end of the next session.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to receive from the securities of the aforesaid Thomas Williams (in discharge of the interest now due, or that may hereafter become due, on the debt aforesaid) any certificates that have been or may be received from the debtors by
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the said securities, in discharge of the principal and interest due from said securities.

WHEREAS William Purnell was prevented by the ice from making his second payment on his bond due to this state for black and continental state money, agreeably to the resolves of the general assembly passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; RESOLVED, That the time for the said William Purnell to make his second and third payments into the treasury of the western shore, shall be extended to the first day of December next, and that the execution issued against the said William Purnell be countermanded, he paying the legal costs arising thereon.

WHEREAS Thomas Gassaway and Robert Dorsey, securities of John Dorsey to the state, are liable to be executed for the debts of the said John Dorsey to the state, which the said John Dorsey might have paid off in final settlement certificates, under the resolutions of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue on the said bonds of the said John Dorsey, wherein the said Thomas Gassaway and Robert Dorsey are security, until the tenth day of February next, and that the treasurer shall receive in payment for the said debts final settlement certificates, agreeably to the said resolutions, at any time before the said tenth day of February next.

RESOLVED, That the forfeiture of the first payment made for confiscated property by Edward Watts, of Baltimore county, in final settlement certificates, under the resolves of April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, be remitted; and that if the said Edward Watts shall discharge the balance still remaining due on or before the first day of September next, that no execution shall be issued against him.

WHEREAS Robert Long, of Baltimore county, purchased of this state eleven hundred and six acres and one fourth part of an acre of land, being part of the Principio company's lands, for five thousand five hundred and thirty-eight pounds two shillings and six-pence, and gave one bond for the whole purchase money: And whereas the said Robert Long hath represented, that he can sell three hundred and four acres, part thereof, for three thousand and forty pounds, provided the state will grant a title for the same, on receiving the purchase money therefor: RESOLVED, That upon the said Robert Long's paying into the treasury of this state the sum of three thousand and forty pounds in depreciation certificates, computing principal and interest, in part of his bond for confiscated property, that the said Robert Long, or his assigns, be and are hereby authorized to apply for and obtain a deed for the lots No. 1 and 2, containing two hundred and four acres, and part of lot No. 77, containing one hundred acres, being the north-west end of the said lot.

WHEREAS several collectors of the tax have made their first payment, agreeably to an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and are making exertions to complete their second and third payments; RESOLVED, That the issuing executions against the aforesaid collectors who have made their first payment as aforesaid, shall be suspended until the twentieth day of August next.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to pay out of the money collected in virtue of the act to procure a permanent fund for the debt due from this state to Messieurs Vanstaphorst, the interest due for the present year on the loan negotiated by Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, and that afterwards they pay out of the said money the interest advanced on the loan by the said Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst on behalf of this state.