The said Objections being read, are in the Words following, *viz.*

The Council objected against the Bill, entitled, " An Act for the Indemnification of the Commissioners of Sequestration and the Commissioners of Forfeitures, and the Lessees under them, and for other Purposes therein mentioned," becoming a Law of this State.

First, Because the First Clause of the Bill enacts, that the late Commissioners of Sequestration, in the several Counties of this State, shall be, and are hereby declared to be indemnified for all and every Lease and Leases, made or given by them for Lands and Tenements, the Property of Persons who during the late War, have gone over to, remained with, or joined the Enemy; and that no Suit or Suits, already brought, shall be maintained or hereafter commenced against the said Commissioners of Sequestration, or against any Person or Persons holding under them, by any Person or Persons claiming Property in or to such Lands or Tenements.

If the Commissioners have pursued their Powers, such Indemnification is unnecessary; if they have exceeded or violated them, the Subject is as much entitled to his Damages, as to any other Part of his Property, nor can it be consistent with the Spirit of a free Constitution, by Law and without Trial to prevent them of it; though, perhaps the Legislature may conceive it just to compensate the Commissioner out of the Treasury of the State, where it shall appear on Trial, that by any extraordinary and well meant Exertion, he has rendered Services to the Community, and in Consequence thereof, Damages have been recovered against him.

Secondly, Because, if Land should be claimed by Persons not holding under those who have gone to the Enemy, but by a different Title, or if the Commissioners have exceeded their Powers in giving long Leases, the Persons entitled to the Possession, are by this Law, precluded from the legal means of recovering their Rights.

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