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Jan. 1810.

An ACT authorising William Bruce, late Sheriff and Collector of Allegany County, to complete his Collections.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said William Bruce be and he is hereby authorised to collect, until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eleven, all balances due him as sheriff and collector of Allegany county for the year eighteen hundred and nine, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said William Bruce, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes, officers fees or public dues, in virtue of this act, to deliver to, or leave at the last place of abode of, such person or persons, his, her or their executors or administrators, chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes, officers fees or public dues, demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed thereto, that he hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of his knowledge.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said William Bruce, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge a copy of his collection books in the clerk's office of Allegany county, to be opened for the inspection of all persons interested in the same, and give public notice thereof, by advertisement to be set up at the court-house door, and other public places in said county.

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An ACT authorising Thomas Greenwell to remove his Negroes from the State of Virginia into this State.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Thomas Greenwell be and he is hereby authorised and empowered, at any time or times, within twelve months after the passage of this act, to remove and bring into this state all and every of his negro slave or slaves that he may have a *bonâ fide* absolute right unto, in the same manner that he might or could have done at the time of his own removal into this state, any law to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Thomas Greenwell register the said negroes in Allegany county court in the same manner as he by law would have been compelled to do had he have brought them into this state within one year after his removal from Virginia as aforesaid.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to enable the said Thomas Greenwell to sell or dispose of any such slave or slaves as aforesaid until they shall have resided within this state three whole years after the passage of this act, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and dispositions by law for *bonâ fide* debts, or consequent upon intestacy.

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An ACT to admit Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath to serve as Jurors.

WHEREAS persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath are deprived of a full participation of the rights of citizenship, owing to their solemn affirmation not being admitted as a qualification to serve as jurors; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the people called Quakers, those called Nicolites or New Quakers, those called Menonists, Tunkers and others, holding it unlawful to take an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation as a qualification as jurors, except in criminal cases that are capital, and upon petitions for freedom, in the manner that they have been heretofore allowed to affirm, which affirmation shall be of the same avail as an oath to all intents and purposes whatsoever.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any of the persons aforesaid shall be admitted as a juror in any court of justice in this state, the court shall be satisfied, by such testimony that they may require, that such person is one of those who profess to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath.