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contained in such account hath been paid, or otherwise secured or satisfied, and if the person or persons owing such taxes or officers fees shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said securities, or a majority of them, or the survivors of them, or their agent, to collect the same by execution or distress of property of the person or persons so refusing or neglecting, and to sell and dispose thereof at public auction, giving ten days notice, exclusive of the day of notice and the day of sale, by public advertisement at the most public places in the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of sale.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collection books and memorandums of the said sheriff and collectors, and his and their deputies, shall be delivered to the said securities, or a majority of them, or to their agent, on demand, and shall be deposited in the clerk's office of Queen-Anne's county, to be fully inspected and examined, (without cost or charges,) by any person or persons who shall apply for that purpose; and the person or persons in whose hands the books and memorandums aforesaid may now be, shall, before he or they deliver them to the said securities, make oath before a justice of the peace, that he, she or they, hath not, directly or indirectly, received any part or parcel of the money or tobacco which was due and payable to the said James R. Pratt, as sheriff, or to the said John B. Hackett and Richard E. Harrison, or either of them, as collectors, of the county aforesaid, nor any security or satisfaction for the same, more than is credited in said books.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said securities, and the survivors of them, shall have the same commission on the collection aforesaid as the said sheriff and collectors would have been entitled to, and that all arrearages collected in virtue of this act, shall be fairly applied to the discharge of the sums due by the securities for the respective years in which the said arrearages ought by law to have been collected.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to take away or deprive the respective debtors for taxes, other public dues and officers fees, of the same remedies which they had against the original sheriff and collectors, in cases where nothing is alleged to be due, or the distress or execution are illegally conducted, but the same shall exist in full force and virtue against the said securities, and each of them.

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Passed 25th of  
January, 1806.

An ACT confirming the title of Ignatius Davis to the land therein mentioned.

WHEREAS Ignatius Davis has, by his petition to this general assembly, among other things, set forth, that his grandfather, Meredith Davis, being seized in fee of a tract of land called Good Luck, lying formerly in Prince-George's county, but since the division of the counties, now lying in Frederick county, conveyed five acres, part thereof, unto William Mathews and Henry Ballinger in fee, by deed, bearing date the seventh day of April, seventeen hundred and thirty-nine, for the purpose of erecting thereon a house or houses of public worship for the religious society of people called Quakers; that the said William Mathews and Henry Ballinger, both afterwards died, and their respective heirs at law, videlicet, William Mathews and Daniel Ballinger, on the twenty-ninth day of the second month, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, executed a deed, purporting to convey the land in the former deed mentioned, unto Anthony Poultney, Moses Farquhar, Stephen Howell, Joseph Haines, William Wood, Isaac Wright, William Ballinger and Amos Farquhar, and their heirs, as joint tenants, in trust, for the same purposes as are expressed in the deed aforesaid from Meredith Davis to William Mathews and Henry Ballinger; that the meeting-house having long since rotted down, and the said land been disused as a place of public worship, the aforesaid religious society of people called Quakers have consented that the land aforesaid should be conveyed unto the aforesaid Ignatius Davis, and that accordingly the aforesaid Anthony Poultney, Moses Farquhar, William Wood, Isaac Wright, William Ballinger, Amos Farquhar and Joseph Haines, (the aforesaid Stephen Howell being dead,) executed a deed, bearing date on the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and five, purporting to convey unto him, the said Ignatius Davis, in fee, the land aforesaid; but doubts having arisen as to the validity of the aforesaid title, the said Ignatius Davis hath prayed that a law may pass confirming his title therein; and the prayer of the petitioner appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the title of the said Ignatius Davis be and the same is hereby confirmed and made valid as to all the land purporting to be conveyed unto him by the aforesaid Anthony Poultney, Moses Farquhar, Joseph Haines, William Wood, William Ballinger, Isaac Wright and Amos Farquhar, by deed, bearing date on the twentieth day of April,