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death, was indebted in considerable sums of money, and that he left the petitioner his widow, and three daughters; and hath prayed that an act may pass to enable her to sell the tract of land lying in Charles county, that a part of the personal estate may be saved for the benefit of the children: And whereas this assembly are of opinion that the said petition ought to be granted,

Land to be
sold, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Sarah Parran be and she is hereby directed and empowered, after giving six weeks notice in the Maryland Gazette, to sell and dispose of, at public sale, all that tract of land lying in Charles county called Wiltshire Plains, containing by estimation two hundred and fourteen acres, formerly the property of Richard Parran, deceased; and the money arising from the sale of the said land to apply towards the discharge and payment of any debts due from the said Richard Parran.

Account to be
rendered, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said Sarah Parran shall in due time render and pass an account with the orphans court of Calvert county, of all monies received by her by virtue of the sale of the said land, and the expenditure thereof, in the same manner as she would have done had the land been sold by her said husband, and the money due at the time of his death; provided always, that nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to give the said Sarah Parran any part of the money arising from the said sale, nor to enable her to keep any part of the personal estate, more than she was entitled to had this act not have passed, and the personal estate had been applied to the discharge of the debts due from the said Richard Parran.

C H A P. LII.

An ACT for the relief of the securities of Simon Nichols, late collector of the public tax for Montgomery county.

Preamble

WHEREAS Alexander Catlett, of Montgomery county, by his petition to this general assembly hath set forth, that he, together with a certain Thomas Nichols of said county, became security for Simon Nichols, (late sheriff of said county) collector of the public tax for the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two; that by the neglect of the said Simon Nichols in the collection of the tax for the said year, there is still due the state the sum of seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven pounds one shilling and six-pence, notwithstanding the indulgence of the legislature in extending the time in which the same was directed to be collected by the act to raise the supplies for that year; that in consequence of the negligence of the said Simon Nichols, his property has been executed and taken by *feri factas* for the use of the state, whilst the property of the other security, who is a relation of the said Simon Nichols, remained untouched for six months after his property was seized; that at the time of his becoming security as aforesaid, a very considerable part of the tax for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one was uncollected, which the said Simon Nichols hath lately paid, and as he has reason to believe, out of the money which he collected, and which was due for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two; that by this conduct of the said Simon Nichols, he is greatly injured, and must be totally ruined if he is permitted to persist in the collection of the tax aforesaid; and prayed, that the collection of the residue of the taxes, uncollected by the said Simon Nichols, and which ought to have been collected by him, may be taken from him and placed in the hands of some person to be appointed by the legislature to complete the same, and that the person so appointed, may be vested with as full and ample