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or Demise, any Part or Parcel of his said Lordship's Manors, or reserved or other Lands, within this Province, being charged with a Pound-Rate as aforesaid, to abate and deduct, and to retain and keep in his, her or their own Hands, out of every such Rent reserved, so much of the said Pound-Rate as shall be taxed upon the said Lands, to him or them respectively demised, as a like Rate for every such Rent respectively, shall, by a just Proportion, amount unto; That is to say, Out of every Twenty Shillings of the said Rent, the Sum of Two Shillings, and so after that Rate for every greater or lesser Sum: And his said Lordship's Receiver-General, and all and every other Person and Persons, who are or shall be any ways impowered to receive the said reserved Rent for the Use of the said Lord Proprietary, are hereby required to allow all such Deductions and Payments according to such Rates, upon the Receipt of the Residue of such Monies as shall be due and payable to them for such reserved Rent. Provided always, That the said Tenants shall not be allowed to abate, deduct, retain or keep, in his, her, or their own Hands, out of such Rent, any greater or larger Sum or Sums, than what he, she or they, shall be taxed or assessed for the same.

LV. And be it further Enacted, That if his Lordship's Agent or Receiver-General, or any Person or Persons who are or shall be impowered to receive or collect the said Quit-Rents, or other annual Rents reserved, on such leased or demised Lands, shall distrain for, molest or vex, any Proprietor, Owner or Tenant of such Lands or Tenements as aforesaid, for any Sum or Sums of Money, which, by the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, ought to be retained, deducted and allowed, or shall refuse, neglect or delay, to allow and discharge the same in the proper Accounts, wherein the same ought to be allowed or discharged, that then and for every such Offence, every such Agent or Receiver-General, or Person as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds Current Money to the Party grieved, to be recovered by Action of Debt, or on the Case, with full Costs.

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LVI. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That for the better assessing, ordering, levying, and collecting of the several Sums of Money, so as aforesaid limited and appointed to be paid, and for the more effectual putting this Act into Execution, the following Persons, in and for the several and respective Counties hereafter named, shall be Commissioners for putting this Act in Execution; That is to say,

For Saint Mary's County, Col. Abraham Barnes, Major Zachariah Bond, Mr. John Chesley.

For Kent County, Mr. Thomas Smith, Mr. James Mac Lean, Mr. William Rasin.