

WHEREAS, William J. Blunt, late of Queen Anne's County, was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of said county collector of State taxes for the fifth election district of said county for the years of 1886 and 1887, respectively, and as such collector filed his bonds with John B. Brown, James H. Dodd and Valentine B. Clement as sureties for each of said years; and

Queen Anne's
County.
Surety upon
official
bonds of
Wm. J. Blunt.

WHEREAS, the said William J. Blunt, late collector as aforesaid, did shortly after his appointment for the year 1887, to wit, in the fifth day of June 1887 departed this life leaving at the time of his death considerable moneys uncollected for each of said years on account of the money levied for State taxes, which said money was in excess of the amount chargeable upon his books on account of State taxes as collector; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Upon the death of said William J. Blunt, late collector as aforesaid, one of his surities the said John B. Brown, administered upon the estate of said William J. Blunt, who at the time of his death was the possessor of considerable property, real and personal, apart from the money uncollected upon his books as collector as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, as said administrator, said Brown, did of his own volition, without the consent of said James H. Dodd, proceed to collect all the uncollected moneys which remained upon the said books of the said William J. Blunt, late collector as aforesaid, and did in fact collect considerable more money on his tax books than was necessary to pay all moneys chargeable against the said Blunt, as collector as aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, The said James H. Dodd was in the year 1887 informed by the John B. Brown, administrator of said William J. Blunt, deceased, that there was considerable more money collected by him than was necessary to settle all moneys due and using on account of State taxes, and that it was his duty as said administrator to collect said money; and

WHEREAS, The said James H. Dodd, relying upon these statements and believing them to be true, that he was relieved as surety and had no knowledge that any money with which the said William J. Blunt, as collector, was chargeable on account of State taxes had not been properly collected and paid over by said Brown until the year 1896; and

WHEREAS, when knowledge came to the said James H. Dodd that all the money left uncollected upon the books of said Blunt, on account of said taxes had not been accounted for, that his co-sureties upon said bonds were insolvent and that the