

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be taken or construed to extend to any slave or slaves who may be entitled to his, her or their, freedom hereafter, by virtue of any deed of manumission executed and recorded according to law, prior to the passage of this act, or last will and testament duly admitted to probate before the passage of said act, unless he, she or they, shall consent thereto.

Rights of those heretofore manumitted, reserved.

### CHAPTER 282.

AN ACT for the relief of the Securities of the Collectors of Taxes and of Sheriffs.

Supplement, 1834, ch. 76.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful to, and for the several county courts of this state, sitting as courts of equity, upon complaint made by the security or securities of any collector of any county, levy, or state tax, or any sheriff, or deputy sheriff, heretofore or hereafter appointed, by bill or petition, and upon the court's being satisfied that such security or securities has suffered, or is likely to suffer loss or damage by the omission or neglect of such collector or sheriff, or deputy sheriff, to make collection of all fees or taxes, or moneys, legally due on executions, legally placed in the hands of such collector or sheriff, or deputy sheriff, for collection, or having made such collection, to pay the same over, or account therefor, to appoint a trustee or trustees to make or complete such collections, for the benefit of those concerned.

Upon complaint court authorized to appoint trustees to complete collection.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said courts, or any of them, shall and may cause subpoena to be issued for any such collector or sheriff, or deputy sheriff, upon such bill or petition; and shall and may order and compel such collector or sheriff, or deputy sheriff, or his representatives, to answer any such bill or petition, under oath, and disclose the true and actual state of his collection.

Subpoena to compel sheriff, collector, &c. to answer.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said county court shall have power to order the delivery to said trustee or trustees, by any person or persons whomsoever, of all books, papers, and vouchers, of, or in any wise concerning the claims, demands, and debts, to be collected as aforesaid; and the disclosure, on oath, by such collector, sheriff, or deputy sheriff, their executor or administrators, of all the books, papers, and vouchers aforesaid, and the place of deposit of the same, and the persons having control, custody or possession of the same; and to enforce the execution of such order by attachment, or otherwise, as is practised in chancery, for enforcing performance of its orders; and said county court may, in general, pass all orders,

Court further empowered to order the delivery of books, papers, &c.

General powers.