

trary to the provisions of this act, and all and every sale or sales, which shall take place under, and by virtue of such distress, shall be held to be absolutely illegal and void, any law, custom, or usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### CHAPTER 194.

AN ACT to repeal part of an Act, entitled,\* an Act relating to Lunatic and Insane Persons. \*1826, ch. 197.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That when any person is alleged to be a lunatic or insane pauper, it shall be the duty of the several county courts of this state, or of Baltimore city court, as the case may be, to cause a jury of twelve good and lawful men to be empannelled forthwith, and to charge the said jury to inquire whether such person is insane or lunatic, and a pauper, and if found so, it shall be the duty of the court to cause such person to be sent to the alms-house of the county to which such person belongs, or to a hospital, or some other place, better suited, in the judgment of the said court, to the condition of such lunatic or insane person, there to be confined at the expense of the county, or Baltimore city, as the case may be, until he or she shall have recovered and been discharged by a course of law; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the friends or relatives of such lunatic or insane person from confining, or providing for the comfort of the same.

Jury of inquiry.  
Court shall order confinement.  
Proviso.

#### CHAPTER 197.

AN ACT to provide more effectually for the levy and collection of the tax imposed for the purpose of Colonizing the Free People of Colour of this State, by the Act, entitled, an Act relating to the People of Colour in this State, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and eighty-one.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that the tax imposed upon the assessable property within the several counties and cities of this state, by the eighth section of an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and eighty-one, entitled, an act relating to the people of colour in this state, has in many instances not even yet been levied in several of the counties, whilst in some others it has been duly levied, collected, and paid into the treasury; therefore,

Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be, and it is hereby made the absolute duty of the levy court or commissioner of the county, as the case may be, of the several counties of this state, and of the mayor or city council of the city of Baltimore, to levy on the assessable property within their several and respective counties, and the city

Duty to levy enjoined.