

C H A P. XXV. ty-seven, may proceed to hear, determine or continue, each and every of the said actions, in the same manner that the said court might have legally done at the aforesaid second Tuesday of December aforesaid, any discontinuance, or want of continuance, of any of the said actions, process or proceedings, notwithstanding.

Days for holding June and October courts.

III. **And be it enacted**, That the orphans court appointed by law to be held on the second Tuesday in June, and the orphans court appointed by law to be held the first Tuesday in October, for Dorchester county, shall for the future be held on the Friday next after the first Mondays in June and October, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Passed January 20.

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A Supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the tax for Prince-George's county, the said securities, or either of them, are vested with full power and authority to sell and dispose of such part or parts of their property, or the property of the late Thomas Williams, as they might think proper, and to take bonds to the state from the purchasers, payable in the year seventeen hundred and ninety, in specie or certificates, and in such case, upon the bonds being lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, the said securities, or either of them, should have a receipt and credit on the treasurer's books for so much money as was expressed in the condition of the said bonds; and it being the intention of this legislature, that no receipt or credit as aforesaid, should be allowed the securities, or either of them, on any bond given for property sold, which at the time of passing the said act did not belong to the said securities, or some one of them, or to the estate of the said Thomas Williams; and under colour of the said act, the said securities may tender to the treasurer bonds taken for property acquired in the course of collecting the taxes or otherwise, contrary to the true intent and meaning of the said act: Therefore,

Bonds not to be received but on oath, &c.

II. **Be it enacted**, by the general assembly of Maryland, That no bond hereafter to be offered shall be received by the treasurer from the said securities, or either of them, and placed to their credit, unless the said securities, or some one of them, make oath (to be administered by the treasurer of the western shore) at the time of offering such bond, that the same was *bonâ fide* taken for the purchase of property which belonged to the estate of the said Thomas Williams, or some one of the said securities, at the time when the said recited act passed. And it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of the said recited act, that persons indebted for taxes to be collected by the said securities, have a right and election to pay such certificates or bills of credit for the said taxes as the said securities have a right to pay into the treasury; and if any property is or shall be taken by the said securities and sold, it shall be sold upon the terms of paying in money or certificates aforesaid, at the election of the buyer, to the amount of the sum due to the said securities, and the residue, if any, in money or certificates, if the owner shall so direct, to the owners of the property taken; and these terms shall be publicly notified at the time of sale; and if any property already taken, and not sold, or if sold and purchased by the securities, or any of them, or any person for them, may be redeemed by paying certificates or bills of credit as aforesaid, on or before the first day of March next; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said securities to give certificates in change, if they have them, to the purchasers of property sold, or to any person offering to pay the tax in certificates.