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XXVIII.

the purpose aforesaid, the said commissioners shall be governed by the rules laid down by the act for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, on the valuation of property on which the assessment was to have been collected for the said year seventeen hundred and eighty-six; and the commissioners aforesaid may, on application, make such alterations, where a change of property has taken place, as time and circumstances may render necessary; and the collectors of the said fund tax shall, instead of four, be allowed six *per cent.* for collection.

C H A P. XXIX.

Passed De-
cember 17.

An ACT for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-three, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and seventeen hundred and eighty-six.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petitions of sundry collectors of the taxes for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-three, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and seventeen hundred and eighty-six, that though they have made every exertion in their power for the due and faithful discharge of the trusts reposed in them, they have not been able to complete their collections by reason of the shortness of the crops in some of the above-mentioned years, the great scarcity of circulating cash, and divers other causes therewith co-operating, and that suits have been commenced against all of them, judgments obtained, and executions issued against many of them, and their securities, which, if carried into effect, must inevitably ruin them and their securities; and this assembly, as well from motives of policy as humanity, being of opinion that a general relief ought to be granted,

Times of
payment al-
lowed, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the several collectors of the public taxes of this state for the years aforesaid, be and they are hereby allowed to discharge their respective balances by the following payments: That is to say, they shall pay respectively one third part of the said balance on or before the twentieth day of March next, one third part thereof on or before the twentieth day of June next, and the remaining third part on or before the twentieth day of August next; and that all proceedings at law be stayed and suspended against the aforesaid collectors, they paying the costs already accrued.

Penalty on
failure, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That if any one of the said collectors shall fail in the payment of the third part of the said balance first above mentioned by the day above limited, he and his securities shall receive no benefit from any thing in this act contained; and if he shall fail in the payment of the second third part on the day herein limited, or in the payment of the remaining third part on the day herein limited, then the suspension aforesaid shall cease, and any farther process may immediately issue against the collector so failing in payment, and his securities, for the recovery of the balance then due; provided, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect the relief granted by any law heretofore passed to any particular collector, or to change the regulation made as to the collection of the tax in Anne-Arundel county, or that of the two shillings and six-penny fund tax in the several counties.

C H A P. XXX.

Passed De-
cember 17.

An ACT for altering the time of laying the levy in Prince-George's county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the laying of the levy for Prince-George's county at the June courts for said county is found to be inconvenient:

Levy to be
laid in Sep-
tember.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the levy in said county shall hereafter be annually laid at the September court for the same county, and not at the said June court.

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