

three o'clock P. M., and if necessary, continue thereafter from day to day between said hours until all of said property shall have been sold, and the amount of purchase money paid for any property at such sale or sales shall bear interest at the rate of twelve per cent., per annum, from the day of sale and until the same be paid, or the property deeded, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 228. In all cases where lands held in fee simple or by lease have been sold, or shall be sold for the payment of taxes in arrears, it shall be the duty of the collector to report the sale, together with all the proceedings had in relation thereto to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County within thirty days thereafter. The said Court shall examine the proceedings, and if the same appear to be regular, and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been complied with, shall order notice to be given by advertisement published in such newspaper or newspapers as the Court shall direct, warning all persons interested in the property sold, to be and appear by certain day in the said notice to be named, to show cause, if any they have, why said sale should not be ratified and confirmed; and if no cause or an insufficient cause be shown against the ratification, the said sale shall, by order of said Court, be ratified and confirmed, and the purchaser shall, on payment of the purchase money, have a good title to the said property so sold; but if good cause in the judgment of said Court, be shown in the premises, the said sale shall be set aside, in which case the said Collector shall proceed to a new sale of the said property and bring the proceeds into Court out of which the purchaser shall be paid the purchase money paid by him to the Collector on said rejected sale, and all taxes assessed on said real estate or leasehold estate and paid by said purchaser since said sales and all costs and expenses properly incurred in said Court, with interest on all sums from the time of payment at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum; and if the purchaser has not paid the purchase money on the subsequent taxes, the Collector shall apply such proceeds to the payment of the taxes for which said property may have been sold, and all subsequent taxes then in arrears with interests on the same according to law and the costs of proceedings; but such sales shall not be set aside if the provisions of the law shall appear to have been substantially complied with; and the burden of proof shall be on the exceptant to show the same to be invalid under the law. The Collector shall require the purchaser of such property on the day of sale, or the day next succeeding, to pay on account of said purchase the amount assessed or taxed