

same shall have been duly accounted for and paid over according to law. He shall be the collector of all State and county taxes that may be levied by the County Commissioners for St. Mary's County, or otherwise, and shall have power and authority to receive and collect said taxes and to enforce the payment thereof, and to convey title to any real or personal estate sold by him for the payment thereof; and when there be no bidders for property offered for sale by said treasurer, it shall be lawful for the County Commissioners of said county to purchase said real estate and to convey the same when sold by them by good and sufficient deed. The said treasurer shall receive county certificates from taxpayers to the amount of the taxes due by them respectively. Provided the said certificates are payable out of the levy of the current year; and he shall reserve out of the money collected by him a sufficient sum to pay the amount levied in each current year for public schools, and shall pay the same over to the Board of County School Commissioners, one-fourth each on or before the first day of November, February, April and July. The said treasurer shall be entitled to the following fees: For giving the notice to enforce the payment of taxes, the sum of fifty cents for each notice given, as hereinbefore provided, and in addition thereto for property sold he shall receive a poundage fee of three per cent. on the gross amount of sales; but, if the amount of bill be paid prior to sale, after the same shall have been advertised, he shall only receive as poundage fee one per cent. on the amount collected; those several fees to be charged as a part of the tax bill of the delinquent taxpayer.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

CHAPTER 226.

AN ACT to incorporate the Empire Coal Company, of Garrett county, Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Emory S. West and Henry M. Speicher, of Garrett county; James P. Gaffney, Andrew Ramsay and Hewitt Reynolds, of Allegany county, and all of whom are citizens of the State of Maryland, and the subscribers to the stock of the corporation hereby created, and their successors and assigns, be and they are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of The Empire Coal Company, and by that name shall have per-