

such appeal, and may pass such rules as may be judged necessary to expedite and effectuate the determination of such issues, in which appeals the County Commissioners shall be party defendant.

1910, ch. 153, sec. 7 (p. 490). 1912, ch. 445.

**460.** When the assessments imposed and collected by the Treasurer of Allegany County shall amount to thirty-five thousand dollars surplus and in Garrett County shall amount to fifteen thousand dollars surplus over and above the pending and accrued claims on the same under this act, such Treasurer shall report the fact to the County Commissioners of their respective county; whereupon the said Board of County Commissioners are hereby empowered and directed to remit temporarily the taxes hereby imposed from month to month, as long as (and no longer) such surplus shall exceed thirty-five thousand dollars in Allegany County and fifteen thousand dollars in Garrett County, and when it shall be reduced to said sums or under, mentioned above, the said tax shall become again payable as provided by this Act. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of his respective county to invest under the orders of the County Commissioners any surplus above the sum of two thousand dollars in his hands, in such public bonds as said Commissioners may direct, and to credit such fund with the interest derived therefrom; and upon the retirement from office or any disqualification to act of such Treasurer the entire fund, including such bonds and the books and papers pertaining to such fund, shall be delivered by such Treasurer to his successor in office, who shall receipt for the same.

*Amer. Coal. Co. v. Allegany Co.*, 128 Md. 564.

1910, ch. 153, sec. 8 (p. 491).

**461.** All assignments of claims for relief money provided in this Act and all assignments of claims against any operator for injuries received by an employee in the discharge of his duty or for disability or death (provided such operator shall not have been in default in compliance with the provisions of this Act at the time of such injuries, disability and death) shall be null and void, and said claims shall not be subject to attachment, garnishment or other legal process.

1910, ch. 153, sec. 9 (p. 491).

**462.** No suit or action shall lie or be brought or maintained against any operator for or in respect of the death of any employee whose personal representatives shall have accepted the relief money provided for in this Act, and no such suit or action shall be brought before the expiration of six months from the date of the employee's death, nor while any suit brought by the personal representative for such relief money, is pending. In case any suit or action is brought against any operator by any person claiming damages for or in respect of injury or disability received in the discharge of his duty as an employee of such operator, all right and claim of such person to any payments out of the fund shall be thereby