for a longer period than twenty-four hours at any one time.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That so much of the act Repealed. of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, chapter five hundred and thirty-eight, entitled, an act relating to free negroes in Cecil, Kent and Queen Ann's counties, as is inconsistent with this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That this act shall take In force effect from the date of its passag.

CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to provide for completing the collection of Passed May the State Tax for the year eighteen hundred and forty- 10, 1853. eight, in Baltimore county.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the person heretofore appointed by the county commissioners of Baltimore county to collect the State tax for eighteen hundred and forty-eight, imposed on said county, be and he is hereby authorised and required forthwith to proceed to complete the collection of said tax; and he is also required to demand from all tax payers, who are in arrears for the said tax, payment of interest thereon from the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and he shall have until the first day of April eighteen hundred and fifty-four to complete the collection thereof.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the said county Authority to commissioners shall, at their levy of taxes on the said levy. county, levy an amount sufficient to pay the aforesaid collector the whole sum allowed by them for such collection.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That in all cases where a tax payer of said county has paid the amount chargable against him for the aforesaid tax, and has also paid a commission to the collector, the amount of commission so paid by the tax payer shall be refunded to him by the collector, or shall be credited to him on his subsequent tax bills; Provided, the same shall be demanded Proviso or required within one year from the passage of this act.