chap. 573. shall not apply to Cecil county; provided, that this Act shall not apply to Washington county; nor shall the provisions of this Act apply to Anne Arundel county.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage, but nothing herein contained shall apply to or effect any civil or criminal proceedings at the date aforesaid.

Approved April 11, 1902.

## CHAPTER 573.

AN ACT to add two additional Sections to Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1896 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Worcester County," sub-title "Berlin," and to be known as Sections 41 A and 42 A.

New sections 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That two additional sections be added to chapter 480 of the Acts of 1896, to follow sections 41 and 42, and to be known as sections 41 a and 42 A.

Collector to collect taxes due and in arrears.

41 A. And be it further provided, That the said collector appointed in conformity with section 38 of chapter 480 of the Acts of 1896, be and he is hereby empowered and directed to collect all taxes now due and in arrears levied during his term of office or of that of his predecessors, in the same manner as county taxes are collected in Worcester county; provided, however, that the said Mayor and City Council shall have the right to fix the compensation to be paid to said collector for the collection of such taxes.

How Acts shall be construed.

- 42 A. Nothing contained in section 42 of chapter 480 of the Acts of 1896 shall, however, be construed to permit the Mayor and City Council to issue bonds or to enter into any contract for a water supply or the maintenance of a water supply, either with private or corporate contractors, or to create or contract for electric light without first having submitted such questions or any of them to the legally qualified voters of said town at the next ensuing election for town officers, or at a special election held for that purpose; and the Mayor and City Council are hereby empowered to hold such special election in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of chapter 480 of the Acts of 1896.
- SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1902.