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*An act to provide for the collection of the Public Revenue.*

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* That it shall be the duty of the Attorney General, on the application of the Treasurer of either shore, to appoint a suitable Attorney at Law, in any county wherein he has no resident deputy, to conduct on behalf of the state, any suit or suits now pending, or which may hereafter be directed by such treasurer, as hereinafter provided.

Treasurer required to direct suits.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Treasurers for their respective shores, to cause to be put in suit by the said Deputy, or such other Attorney as may be employed as aforesaid, any pecuniary right or credit of the State, which the debtor, or debtors, shall have withheld three months or more.

Court required to render judgment

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That when the account of any debtor, stated and signed by the Treasurer, shall have been filed in the office of the clerk of the county wherein such debtor resides, and ten days notice in writing, of the intended motion, signed on behalf of the State, by the Deputy of the Attorney General, or such attorney as may be employed as aforesaid, shall have been delivered to such debtor, or left at his place of abode, and proof thereof shall be made to the satisfaction of the court, it shall be the duty of the court, the first term, upon motion on behalf of the State, immediately to enter judgment in the name of the State, against such debtor; and execution shall thereupon issue as on other judgments had in such courts, *Provided,* that if such debtor shall in person or by Attorney, desire a trial by Jury of any fact, or facts, material and specified, the court shall grant it during said term, and after verdict give judgment and execution as aforesaid; *And provided further,* that nothing herein shall be held to impair any other remedy, suit or action, which the State might have used, or may prosecute for the recovery of her rights and credits.

Trial of facts

Saving clause

Duty of attorney to advise the treasurer

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Deputy of the Attorney General, or such Attorney as may be employed as aforesaid to aid the Treasurer of his shore in the adjustment of the accounts of the revenue officers of his county, and to advise him when required, of such allowances as he ought or ought not to make the accountant, for insolvency or non-residents; and that for such service and for his professional services in the collection of the revenue, the Treasurers respectively, be authorised to allow and pay to such Deputy or other Attorney, a commission not exceeding five per centum, of all monies now or hereafter to be sued for, which shall be paid into the Treasury: *Provided,* that the right of such Deputy or other Attorney to such compensation

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