

An ACT authorising James Wilson, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection.

Passed 7th of January, 1804.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of James Wilson, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, that from various causes therein set forth he has not been able to complete his collection within the time limited, and that there is still due to him, as collector of said county, considerable sums of money, and praying that a law may pass to enable him to collect the same; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said James Wilson be and he is hereby authorised to collect, until the first day of December, eighteen hundred and four, all balances due him as collector of Baltimore county for the year eighteen hundred and three, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

J. Wilson may collect, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said James Wilson, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for taxes or public dues in virtue of this act, to deliver to such person or persons chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account, written in words at full length, of the taxes demanded of him, her or them, with an affidavit annexed, if required, that he hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given, to the best of his knowledge.

To deliver an account, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said James Wilson, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge a copy of his collection books in the clerk's office of Baltimore county, to be open for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

Books to be lodged, &c.

An ACT authorising the levy court of Washington county to open a road in said county.

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WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Washington county have petitioned this general assembly for a road, leading from William Bennett's ferry to intersect the old road leading from Hancock-town to Fort Cumberland at George Barnhart's;

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Washington county, if they or a majority of them should think that a road from the said William Bennett's ferry, on Patowmack, to George Barnhart's, is necessary or beneficial to the inhabitants of said county, shall have full power and authority to appoint three commissioners to view said ground, and lay off a road, not exceeding twenty feet wide, on the straightest direction the ground will admit of, and have the same surveyed, and plain plots made of the same, and return said plots to the levy court of the county aforesaid, under their hands; and said commissioners shall have full power to bargain and contract with any person or persons over whose land the said road may pass, or adjudge the damage any person or persons may sustain by the said road, and make a return of all contracts by them made for land, or damages adjudged by them by reason of opening said road, to the levy court, under their hands, and the said court may order the same to be recorded, or reject the same, or any part thereof; and the levy court shall levy on the assessable property of Washington county the expence of the commissioners for viewing and surveying said road; and if the levy court shall confirm the said road agreeable to the return of the commissioners, and cause the same to be recorded, the levy court shall then appoint a supervisor or supervisors to clear and open said road, not exceeding twenty feet in width, and may levy the expence of said road upon the assessable property of Washington county; or should the levy court be of opinion that said road is not of public utility, but is only calculated to serve private individuals, in that case the court shall have power to grant said road, on the application of petitioners, the petitioners paying all damage and expence of said road; and if the levy court confirms said road, and have it recorded, it shall then be under the same rules and regulations as other roads are in Washington county.

Court to appoint commissioners, &c.