

The sales of all real estate made by the said Town Treasurer for taxes so due and unpaid to the said Town of Fairmount Heights shall be reported by him, under a general oath as to their fairness, to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, sitting in equity. Said sales shall be listed in separate paragraphs. The Clerk of said Court, upon receiving said report, shall docket a suit in the equity docket of said Court in the name of the "Town Treasurer of Fairmount Heights", as plaintiff, against each of the persons or corporations named in said report of sales, as defendants.

The Circuit Court for Prince George's County is hereby vested with full and complete jurisdiction to hear and determine suits docketed upon said Town-Treasurer's report as proceedings in rem as fully and completely as it can hear and determine equity suits within its general jurisdiction.

The said Town-Treasurer's report of sales shall be considered and treated by the Court as if it were a bill in equity. Upon the filing of said report the said Court, through its Clerk, shall issue an order of publication against each of the persons or corporations named in said report, which order of publication shall be drawn and published in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of Maryland authorizing service of process upon non-resident defendants by publication. Upon it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said order of publication has been duly published and that the time fixed by law for the defendants to appear and answer has expired, the Court shall proceed to hear, and determine all questions raised as to the said tax sale or sales and shall enter such decree or decrees as the nature of the case may require. A substantial compliance with the provisions of this Act by the said Town-Treasurer in making such tax sale or sales and reporting the same to the Court shall be deemed to be sufficient compliance therewith.

An appeal from a final decree of said Court may be taken by any party having an interest in any piece of real estate described in said report, to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, but such appeal shall apply only to the real estate of the parties appealing, the decree or decrees rendered in said cause otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Said appeals shall be taken and perfected as now required by law.

Whenever the Court shall set aside any sale for taxes so reported, the taxes, interest and penalties, accrued against each separate piece of real estate in reference to which said sale has been set aside, shall remain a lien upon said real estate and, unless paid, shall be advertised for sale by the said Town-Treasurer at the next annual tax sale.