

CHAP. 326. ized and required to allow to the assessors appointed by the authority of this act, a reasonable compensation to be paid out of the proceeds of the tax, thus directed to be levied and paid by this act for their services, and they are hereby authorized and required to give the collection of the tax intended to be levied by this act, to the collectors of the tax levied by the act referred to in the eight section of this act, under such directions, restriction, commissions and penalties as are therein provided for.

Power vested in the city collector of Baltimore to collect state tax.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted,* That all the powers vested in the collector of taxes for the city of Baltimore, by the acts of Assembly and ordinances of said city are hereby vested in the collector of taxes of said city in relation to State taxes, and that the said collector in his discretion may coerce the payment of taxes by distraint or otherwise, whenever in his opinion it may be necessary.

Fines—how collected.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted,* That all fines and forfeitures imposed by this act, the recovery of which is not hereinbefore provided for, shall be recoverable by indictment in the county court of the proper county or of Howard district, in which the person so offending may reside or in Baltimore city court, if the person resides in the city of Baltimore, and one half thereof shall be paid to the informer, and the other half to the treasurer of the western shore for the use of the State.

CHAPTER 326.

Passed March 10, 1842. *An act to protect the rights of Floating Batteries at the Head of Chesapeake Bay.*

Fine of twenty dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any vessel, float of timber or plank of any other materials and of any description or kind soever or boat of any description, unless compelled by stress of weather, or other unavoidable accidents, shall be anchored or stayed in the usual haul of any floating battery anchored between Spesutia Island and Point Concord in the Chesapeake Bay, for the purpose of fishing at any time between the first of April and the twentieth of May in every year, and remain thus anchored for the space of half an hour, when the weather will admit of the departure of such vessel, float or boat after being ordered to depart therefrom, by the owner or occupier of such floating battery, the skipper, owner or owners commanding such vessel, float or boats,