

follows: one-third thereof on or before the first day of February next, and the balance on or before the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five; *Provided*, that the said sureties shall not be released from the payment of such interest as shall have been received by said collector, or such interest as may be due from the tax payers or taxes now due by them, nor from the interest accruing on the principal from the passage of this act.

## CHAPTER 230.

Passed  
Mar. 10, 1854. AN ACT to provide for the amendment of proceedings  
in chancery.

Right to amend bill. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*  
That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful upon application of either complainant or defendant to any court in this State sitting as a court of equity, and upon payment of such costs as the court may direct, to amend at any time before final decree, the bill of complaint, answer, pleas, demurrers, or any of the proceedings in any cause before the court, so as to bring the merits of the case in controversy fairly to trial.