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on the property within the limits of the said town to such amount as may from time to time be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes aforesaid, which tax shall be collected and paid to the said Burgess and Commissioners by a collector by them appointed, who shall have the same power to destrain therefor, as the collector of the public county assessment has to destrain for the same, and that the said Burgess and Commissioners shall fix the term of office, responsibility and compensation of such collector.

CHAPTER 126.

Passed Feb.
12, 1824.
Preamble.

An act to prevent the vending of Liquors, Fruit and other articles, within two miles of any Methodist Camp or Quarterly Meeting in Dorchester county, and to suppress riotous and disorderly behaviour at those places in said county.

WHEREAS, the Methodist Society hath at different times sustained great disturbance and vexation at their camp and quarterly meetings from the conduct of licentious persons who attend their meetings: and whereas, the existing laws on the subject are found by experience to be inadequate to prevent the evil complained of, an evil which not only prevents the decorous observance of public worship, as practised by the said society, but has drawn down upon it the censure of the public for immoralities practised by disorderly and irreligious persons at said meetings which the society aforesaid have hitherto made every effort in their power to prevent in vain—Therefore,

Offence &
penalty.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whoever after the passage of this act shall erect a booth for the purpose of selling, or who shall from a waggon, cart or carriage or vessel, or in any manner whatever, sell or dispose of any liquor, fruit, cakes, oysters, or other eatables within two miles of any camp or quarterly meeting hereafter held in Dorchester county, without having first obtained written permission signed by the managers or chief manager of the camp or quarterly meeting within two miles of which either of said articles shall be sold, shall forfeit for the first offence the sum of five dollars, for the second offence ten dollars, and for each succeeding offence the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered by the managers of the camp or quarterly meeting, within two miles of which such offence or offences may be committed, before any justice of the peace in the county where the offence may be committed, in the same manner as small debts out of court are now recovered, and the penalty for said offences, when recovered shall be paid over to the clerk of the county for the use of said county.

County clerk
to account.

2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county upon the reception of any fines imposed and recovered by virtue of this act, to inform the Levy court of the county when they meet to lay the assessment of the county, of the amount of fines received by virtue of this act, and the same shall be paid over to the collector by the clerk.

Exceptions.

3. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be construed to hinder any ordinary keeper, or licensed retailer from selling liquors and other things in their respective dwelling houses or stores.

CHAPTER 127.

Passed Feb.
11, 1824.
Privilege
extended.

A supplement to the act entitled, an act for the benefit of the Children of Samuel Colston, of Talbot county.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act entitled, an act for the benefit of the children of Samuel Colston, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, be, and the same is hereby extended to all such land or parcels of land