

tern shores respectively, to proceed forthwith to the adjustment and final settlement of all accounts for debts now due to the state, and to aid and assist the attorney general or his deputies in bringing the same to a speedy termination.

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2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the agents for the eastern and western shores respectively, to visit every county on their respective shores, regularly twice a year, commencing on the first day of May and the first day of November in each and every year, and proceeding without delay through the several counties, for the purpose of calling upon the county clerks, sheriffs, collectors and other officers to settle their several and respective accounts.

Visit and settlement half yearly.

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said agents upon settlement of any account, to transmit immediately a statement of the same to the treasurer of the eastern or western shore, as the case may be, specifying for what particular species of revenue the same has become due, which statement shall be certified and signed by the agent, as well as by the person from whom the account is due, and such person shall be charged with the amount of the same on the treasury books.

Return statements.

4. *And be it enacted*, That if any county clerk or sheriff, collector, or other officer shall refuse or neglect to settle his account with the state agent when called upon as aforesaid, the said agent shall forthwith cause the bond of such county clerk, sheriff, collector, or other officer, to be put in suit, on which a judgment shall be had at the first term, and such clerk, sheriff, collector, or other officer, shall for such refusal or neglect, also forfeit any commission or commissions to which he would otherwise be entitled.

Penalty for neglecting to settle.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said agents shall in settling the accounts of sheriffs, have power to allow for insolvencies, and to give credit for the amount of any fines or forfeitures that may have been remitted by the executive, or for any money with which the sheriff or other person is not chargeable by law.

Allow for insolvencies, &c.

6. *And be it enacted*, That whenever a county clerk, sheriff, collector, or other officer, shall fail to make payment into the treasury within three months after the time limited by law, the treasurer of the eastern or western shores, as the case may be, shall immediately transmit to the state agent of the eastern or western shore, as the case may be, a statement of the account of such debtor and such agent shall immediately proceed against such debtor and his securities; and upon the account previously settled and signed by such agent and such being filed in the county clerks office where such debtor resides, signed and certified by the treasurer, and countersigned by the agent, and upon motion being made on behalf of the state, judgment shall be immediately entered at the first term of the court in which the suit may have been brought, in the name of the state against such debtor and his securities, and execution shall issue thereon as upon all cases of judgments had in such courts, and the execution if against a sheriff may be put into the hands of the coroner of the county, or into the hands of the sheriff of any adjoining county, ty, as the agent may direct; *Provided*, that ten days previous notice in writing of such intended motion be delivered to such debt-

Proceed against officers neglecting to pay over.

Proviso.