

day at the Court House in Chestertown, to offer said property for sale to the highest bidder for cash, which list and notice shall be published at least once in each of three consecutive weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April, in one or more newspapers published in Kent County; and upon the first Tuesday in April of each year the County Treasurer shall proceed to sell under the terms of said notice, all property upon which taxes, interest, costs, expenses and fees are in arrears and shall continue such sale from day to day on each secular day, legal holidays excepted, from ten o'clock A. M. to three o'clock P. M. until all said property shall be offered and disposed of; and if the Treasurer shall fail to advertise all real estate on which taxes are delinquent he shall be guilty of malfeasance in office and subject to removal by the County Commissioners as hereinafter provided. The purchasers of property at such sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the property so sold and to the rents accruing therefrom from the day of sale (subject, nevertheless, to an accounting therefor upon redemption of the property), and to insure and judiciously preserve said property but said purchasers shall commit no acts of waste to said property] *and thereafter the Treasurer shall proceed to sell the property as provided in said sub-title "Tax Sales"*.

[156E. Within ten days after the advertisements have been published, as provided for in Section 156D the Treasurer of Kent County shall certify to the County Commissioners of Kent County, under oath, that he has published or caused to be published, the names of all delinquent taxpayers and advertised for sale all real estate of delinquent taxpayers.]

[156F. The said County Treasurer shall within thirty days after the close of such sales report the same to the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, setting forth in a brief and concise manner his proceedings in the premises showing to whom and at what price such several parcels were respectively sold, the amount of taxes and interest accrued the pro-rata cost of advertising such sale, the County Treasurer's fees and all other charges, costs, fees and expenses incident to said sale and the surplus fund in each instance with which report he shall file a certified copy of the printed notice of sale, and he shall not be required to file with said report any copy or certified copy of the list or published list of delinquents or other notices, but the affidavit of the said County Treasurer as to the due publication of the list of delinquents and the mailing and/or delivery of notices to the delinquents shall be sufficient and prima facie as to the performance thereof, which said affidavit shall be appended to said report. The said Court shall examine the said proceedings, and, if the said proceedings appear to be regular and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been substantially complied with, shall enter in one order nisi, similar to and published in the same manner as in the case of judicial sales by trustees, warning all persons interested in the property sold to appear on or before the day designated in such order to show cause why the same should not be finally ratified and confirmed on a day to be designated in said order, which shall not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days from the date of the order. The purchaser at any such sale shall be deemed to be a party in interest in the same manner as a purchaser at an ordinary judicial sale. Such Order Nisi shall be published in such manner as the Court shall direct but not less than once a week for four successive weeks. After hearing exceptions, if any, the Court in its discretion shall in