

C H A P. XX. and collectors respectively, shall, at least five days before execution or distress of property for the arrearages aforesaid, deliver to the person or persons charged, or leave at his or her place of abode, a proved account, stating the taxes and the amount of fees due to the officers respectively, together with all payments that may have been in any manner made by such person, and the balance then due thereon, and if the person or persons owing such taxes and officers fees shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Samuel Maffit and Thomas O'Bryon respectively, to collect the same by execution or distress of property of the person or persons so refusing or neglecting, and to sell and dispose thereof, at the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of service and day of sale, on giving five days notice, by advertisement at the most public places of the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of sale.

Proviso.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the books of the said sheriffs, and their respective deputies, in which their accounts as sheriffs and collectors are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of some person in the county town of their respective counties, to be inspected and examined by any person or persons who shall apply for the same, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his, her or their account.

Commission allowed.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said Samuel Maffit and Thomas O'Bryon shall have the same commission on the collection aforesaid as if their offices were still unexpired.

C H A P. XXI.

Passed December 24.

An ACT for erecting a town at the mouth of the river Susquehanna, in Cæcil county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that George Gale, of Cæcil county, has surveyed and laid out into lots a parcel of land near the mouth of the river Susquehanna, in Cæcil county, for a town, and called the same by the name of Chesapeake, and that sundry persons are disposed to purchase lots, and make considerable improvements thereon; that it would greatly conduce to the prosperity and advantage of the said town, and secure the title of purchasers to lots in the same, were commissioners appointed to survey, ascertain and perpetuate, the boundaries of the lots throughout the said town, and invested with powers to superintend and regulate the same;

Commissioners appointed, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Philip Thomas, Tobias Rudolph, Joseph Baxter, Richard Snowden, Thomas and Jonathan Mifflin, or any three of them, be and hereby are appointed commissioners, to survey and lay out into lots all that parcel of land heretofore surveyed and laid out by the said George Gale, agreeably to the survey thereof as by him heretofore made, and the same, when surveyed, to lay out into lots, streets, lanes and alleys, as by him, the said George Gale, heretofore done, and a correct and accurate plot thereof returned to the clerk of Cæcil county, by him to be recorded among the land records of the said county, and kept in the said office, and the same, or a copy thereof, shall always be evidence as to the streets, lanes and alleys, and the bounds and lines of lots, in the said town.

Lots to be bounded, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall cause all the lots in the said town to be substantially and fairly bounded and numbered, and from time to time hereafter see that the said boundaries be kept up and preserved.

How vacancies are to be filled.

IV. And be it enacted, That on the death, removal or resignation, of any of the said commissioners, the major part of the remaining commissioners shall appoint another to serve in the stead of such commissioner so dying, removing or resigning.

V. And