person charged, or leave at his place of abode, a proved account, stating the CHAP. taxes and the amount of fees 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 or officers sees shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Solomon Holland, or his deputies, to collect the same by execution or distress of property of the person or persons so refusing or neglecting, and to sell and dispose of the same at public auction, on giving five days notice, (excluding the day of feizure and day of sale,) by advertisement set up at the most public places in the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of fuch fale.

III. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the books of faid sheriff, Provide. and his deputies, in which their accounts as sheriff and collector are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of some person at the town wherein the courthouse of the said county is situated, 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 or her account.

C H A P. XXXIX.

An ACT to empower Richard Johns to collect the balances due Paffed Dehim as sheriff and collector of Talbot county.

THEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Preamble. Richard Johns, late sheriff and collector for Talbot county, that be hath many balances due him as sheriff and collector aforesaid, and that by reason of sickness, and other unavoidable accidents, he was prevented from finishing his collection as sheriff and collector aforesaid within the time limitted by law, and the faid Richard Johns hath prayed he may be empowered to collect all such balances due him as aforesaid in the same manner he might have done during the time of his commission and appointment, in virtue of his faid several offices of sheriff and collector; and this general assembly, for the reasons stated in said petition, are willing to grant him some indulgence,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Richard R. Johns may Johns be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to take, demand, collect collect, &c. and receive, all and every fum or fums of money, quantity or quantities of tobacco, due him as sheriff and collector for the year seventeen hundred and ninetyfour, of the public affessment, county rates or officers fees, in the same manner as he might have done were his several offices unexpired; and the said Richard Johns shall be allowed until the first day of October next to complete the collection of the balances aforesaid for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and shall be allowed the same commission upon the said collections that he would have been entitled to had his several offices been unexpired.

III. Provided always, and be it enected, That the faid Richard Johns, or Provide. fome person or persons authorised by him, shall, at least ten days before the execution or distress of property for the balances aforesaid, deliver to the person charged, or leave at his or her place of abode, a proved account, stating the taxes and the amount of fees, or such part thereof as may be claimed as due, together with all payments that may have been in any manner made by fuch perfon, and shall give at least five days notice, by advertisement at the most public places in the neighbourhood, of the time and place of fale, in case of such execution or distress; and provided also, that all the books of the said Richard Johns, and his deputies, in which his accounts as sheriff and collector are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of some person in the town of Easton, to be inspected and examined by every person who shall apply for the same, in order to afcertain any payments that may have been made upon his or their ac-

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