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CHAP. Sections repealed.

III. And he it enacted, That the third and fourth sections of the said original act, to which this is a supplement, be and they are hereby repealed, so far as they relate to Baltimore county.

Fifth section repealed, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That so much of the fifth section of the said original act as requires an application in writing, figned by two thirds of the inhabitants of any hundred or hundreds, fo far as it concerns Baltimore county, be and the fame is hereby repealed, and the levy court of faid county may, in their difcretion, proceed as in the faid fection is directed, upon an application in writing figned by a number of respectable inhabitants of such hundred or hundreds.

Days of pay-ment to be mentioned,

V. And he it enacted, That in all cases where the levy court of said county shall iffue an order to the collector to pay to any supervisor any money under and in virtue of the original law, and supplements aforesaid, the said levy court thall specify and mention in such order the day or days for the payment of the same; and in case of neglect or refusal in the said collector to settle and pay the same, agreeably to the tenor of such order, the said supervisor shall, within five days thereafter, under the penalty of twenty dollars, give notice of such neglect or resusal to the clerk of the said county, who shall thereupon, within ten days thereafter, give notice to the justices of said county to meet at their usual place of meeting, at a day therein mentioned, and the faid levy court, when so affembled, shall and they are hereby authorised, directed and empowered, to issue an execution or executions against the said collector, out of the said county court, for the fum of money so due from the said collector, in the manner and form prescribed by the thirteenth section of the said original act.

C H A P. CX.

Passed January 20. Preamble.

An ACT to prevent excellive gaming. HEREAS it hath been represented to this general affembly, that certain persons, as well citizens of this as of other states, and foreigners, carry about with them from one public place to another in this state certain gambling machines or inventions, calculated to deceive and defraud the innocent and unguarded, to the prejudice of fociety, and the corruption of morals; and this affembly being defirous to put a stop to such pernicious and baneful effects, therefore,

No E. O. ta-

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the passage ble, &c. to be set up, &c. of this act, no E. O. A. B. C. L. S. D. or faro table, or other device, except billiard tables, for the purpose of gaming for money, shall be set up, kept or maintained in any dwelling-house, out-house or place occupied by any tavernkeeper, retailer of wine, spirituous liquors, beer or cyder, whether such person have a licence or not, on pain of forfeiting every fuch E. O. A. B. C. L. S. D. table, or other device, and of forfeiting moreover, for every offence, the fum of fifty pounds current money, upon conviction thereof by indictment or confession in the county court of the county wherein the offence shall be committed.

Penalty on tavern-keepers, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That if any tavern-keeper shall, after the passage of this act, permit any E. O. A. B. C. L. S. D. or faro table, or other device, to be set up, kept or played in his or her tavern, out-house, or place appertaining or near to the same, his or her licence, upon conviction thereof, shall be void, to all intents and purpoles.

Justice may preyent the playing, &c.

IV. and be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of any justice of the peace of this state, upon complaint made, or on his own view, to suppress and prevent the playing at any of the above-mentioned tables, or any other device for gaming, and if refistance shall be made to his authority, it shall and may be lawful for the said justice of the peace to commit the person or persons offending in the premises to the custody of the sheriff, or any constable of the county, who may, if necessary, summon the posse comitatus to his assistance to enforce the execution of this law.