

C H A P. XV.

Passed 15th of
Jan. 1783.An ACT for the relief of Edward Hargadine, a languishing prisoner in Queen-Anne's county gaol.
Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 244. A Private Act.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT to empower James Scott, administrator of Daniel Scott, deceased, to sell and dispose of
part of two tracts of land in Harford county. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 246. A Private Act.

See 1791, ch. 40.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the more effectual paying the streets of Baltimore-town,
in Baltimore county, and for other purposes. Lib. TBH. No. A.
fol. 248.

Supplementary and other acts 1791, ch. 59, November, 1792, ch. 21, 1796, ch. 42, 1796, ch. 68.

Taxes to be le-
vied, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following taxes (a) be levied in the town and upon the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, towards paving, cleansing and keeping in repair, the streets, lanes and alleys, and for mending, building and keeping in repair, the bridges within the said town, viz. *On every foot front of improved and unimproved lots in those parts of the streets fixed on to be paved, or that may have been already paved, by the special commissioners appointed by an act, entitled, An act for the speedy application of the money appropriated for repairing the streets in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county; that is to say, twelve shillings and six-pence; and on every foot front of improved and unimproved lots in those parts of the lanes and alleys paved or to be paved, six shillings and three-pence; on every four-wheeled riding carriage thirty shillings per year; chairs or fulkeys fifteen shillings per year; drays twenty-five shillings per year; waggons and carts twenty-five shillings per year; riding horses twenty shillings per year; an additional tax upon billiard tables fifteen pounds per year; a tax upon the play-house of (c) fifty pounds per year; an additional tax of thirty shillings on every chimney catching fire; (d) on persons convicted in the county court of selling liquors without licence an additional fine of thirty shillings; an additional tax of five pounds annually on tavern licences; a tax, not exceeding two shillings and six-pence, on every hundred pounds of assessed property within said town.*

The parts of this section printed in italic, were repealed by 1791, ch. 59, section 3d, and by the 2d section of that act, other taxes are imposed.

(a) By November, 1792, ch. 21, the taxes are to be recovered by distress and sale, and a remedy is given to persons aggrieved thereby.

(b) April, 1782, ch. 39.

(c) The part of this act imposing a tax of fifty pounds on theatrical exhibitions was repealed by 1791, ch. 59, by which a licence was to be applied for, and to be paid for at the same rate; and the power of licensing, &c. as to theatrical and other public amusements, is now vested in the corporation.

(d) An additional fine; (according to the houses,) is laid on chimnies catching fire, by November, 1792, ch. 21, and the corporation is now empowered to provide for licensing and regulating the sweeping of chimnies, (with the consent of the Maryland Insurance Fire Company.)

Duration of
taxes.

II. BE IT ENACTED, That the twelve and six-penny and six and three-penny tax on every foot front of improved and unimproved lots, shall be assessed and collected but once; that the *per centum* upon all assessed property shall be levied only for and during the space of seven years, or till the year seventeen hundred and ninety inclusive, beginning with the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the other taxes as shall be hereafter directed.

Special com-
missioners to
have power o-
ver vendue-
master, &c.

III. AND, for the furtherance and due execution of this act, BE IT ENACTED, That the special commissioners (e) have the same powers over the vendue-master for Baltimore, as the town commissioners, and hereby have authority to compel a settlement of his accounts quarterly, half yearly or yearly, and to receive that part of his commission on the sale of all condemned merchandise or other property, and all other goods, estates or commodities, sold by said vendue-master, in virtue of his office and appointment.

(e) In this section, and others, where the special commissioners are mentioned, see the note at the end of the act.

They may an-
ticipate taxes,
&c.

IV. BE IT ENACTED, That the special commissioners be and are hereby empowered to anticipate, by loan, on the aforesaid taxes, any sum not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, and to mortgage the whole or any part of said taxes, for the payment of any part or the whole of such sum so borrowed.

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