

the said land; and of all the lots, streets, lanes and alleys, which shall be laid out in virtue of this act; and the said plot shall be recorded amongst the records of the said county, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, there to remain as evidence of the boundaries, situation and location of the said lots, and of the streets, lanes and alleys; which said streets, lanes and alleys, hereafter to be laid out in pursuance of this act, shall be highways, and be so deemed and taken to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and when the same shall be done, the said land, so surveyed and laid out, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, part of George-town, as fully and amply, as if originally included therein, and shall have the same immunities and privileges as the rest of the said town hath, or by former laws ought to have; saving to the state of Maryland, and all bodies politic and corporate, and all persons not mentioned in this act, their several and respective rights.

C H A P. XXVIII.

An ACT for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the public taxes for Prince-George's county. Lib.

Passed 16th of Dec. 1783.

TBH. No. A. fol. 364.

WHEREAS it hath been represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, of Prince-George's county, that they, the said Richard Smith and John Waring, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty, the said Thomas Harwood and John Smith Brookes in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and the said Rinaldo Johnson and Elisha Berry in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, became securities for Thomas Williams, collector of the tax for Prince-George's county in the said years; and that upon examining the treasury books the said securities find, that the said Thomas Williams is considerably in arrear, and hath shewn no disposition to complete his collection thereof, and that notwithstanding the lenity of the legislature, the said securities conceive themselves in danger of being greatly injured, by the negligence and inattention of the said Thomas Williams; therefore the said securities prayed, that the collection of the residue of the taxes for the years aforesaid be taken from the said Thomas Williams, and placed in the hands of the said securities, or some person or persons to be appointed by the legislature, to complete the same; and that the person or persons so appointed might be vested with as full and ample powers of execution as the said Thomas Williams had, or might have had, while collector of Prince-George's county; and that the person or persons so appointed might be authorised to call on the said Thomas Williams, and all deputies by him appointed or concerned in the collections aforesaid, for a settlement of and upon their books and accounts with the inhabitants of Prince-George's county, relative to the transactions aforesaid; and that the said Thomas Williams might be compelled to deliver up to his securities aforesaid, or the person or persons so appointed, all such books, accounts, papers and vouchers, that his said securities might require, or might be necessary, or the said Thomas Williams and his deputies might be possessed of, to enable them to make such final collection and settlement, and that a reasonable time might be given to the said securities for that purpose; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said memorialists is highly reasonable, and that the public interest requires that an act should pass for the purposes aforesaid:

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, be and are hereby appointed collectors of the residue of the taxes and public dues for which the said securities are liable, for the years seventeen hundred and eighty, seventeen hundred and eighty-one and seventeen hundred and eighty-two, now remaining due and unsatisfied in the county aforesaid, in the room of the said Thomas Williams; and the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, are hereby fully authorised and empowered to receive and collect, by execution or otherwise, all arrears and balances due the said Thomas Williams as collector of the county aforesaid in the said years, and for which the said securities are liable, in as full and ample manner as the said Thomas Williams might or could have received and collected the same, during the time of his being collector of public dues in the county aforesaid, hereby giving to the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, the whole power and authority which the said Thomas Williams had and possessed under the laws of this state as collector of the public dues and taxes, and for the purposes of receiving and collecting thereof, during the time he was collector of Prince-George's county aforesaid.

III. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Thomas Williams do and shall, upon the request of the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo

T. Williams to deliver books, &c.