

1783.

NOVEMBER.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P.
XXVIII.

Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, deliver to the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, all and every the books, accounts, papers, memorandums and vouchers, of the said Thomas Williams, which in any manner relate to or concern the said public dues and taxes in the years aforesaid, or the receipt or collection thereof, under the penalty of fifty thousand pounds current money; and the several and respective deputies, agents or receivers, of the said Thomas Williams, engaged or appointed by him, or acting as such, or in any manner concerned in the receipt or collection of the said public dues and taxes during the several years aforesaid, or afterwards, under the said Thomas Williams, or by virtue of his authority, or in his name, or otherwise, do and shall, upon the request of, and when called upon by, the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, shall, upon their respective oaths, produce, shew, explain to and lay before them, all the books, accounts, memorandums, papers and vouchers whatsoever, of the said agents, deputies, receivers, or others so concerned as aforesaid, and make and deliver necessary copies and extracts thereof, to the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, all accounts, claims and demands, relative to the arrearages aforesaid, and to enable the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, to make a full and perfect collection of the public dues and taxes arising in the said years, and still remaining due and unsatisfied, and for which the said securities are liable, under the penalty of fifty thousand pounds current money each agent, deputy-collector or receiver, or other person concerned as aforesaid, who shall neglect or refuse to fulfil and comply with the directions of this act, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Further time
allowed, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said securities shall be and are hereby allowed a further time, and until the first day of August, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, for the purpose of making the collections aforesaid; and that the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, or a majority of them, shall have and be allowed the same commission upon the collection of the residue of the said taxes, where the said Thomas Williams has not already been allowed commission on the settlement of his accounts by the commissioners of the tax for Prince-George's county aforesaid; for the trouble and expence of making the same, to which the said Thomas Williams was or would have been entitled to as collector by the laws of this state, had he made the collection thereof.

Proviso.

V. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED; That if the said Thomas Williams shall, within twenty days after the passing of this act, and after he the said Thomas Williams having received notice thereof, give good and sufficient bond and security to the said Thomas Harwood, the third, John Smith Brookes, Rinaldo Johnson, Elisha Berry, Richard Smith and John Waring, as may be approved of by the commissioners of the tax for Prince-George's county aforesaid, to indemnify them against the securityship aforesaid, then this law to be void and of no effect.

C H A P. XXIX.

An ACT laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 366.

C H A P. XXX.

Passed 26th of
Dec. 1783.

An ACT to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 367.

Several acts
continued.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all those parts of an act of assembly, entitled, An act concerning estates tail, and the jurisdiction of the county courts, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Tuesday the fifteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, (a) which relate to the jurisdiction of the county courts, be and they are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of one year, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that one other act of assembly, entitled, An act establishing a mode to perpetuate testimony, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Thursday the twenty-second day of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, (b) be and is hereby revived and continued, and shall be and remain in full force for and during the term of twenty-one years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter; that one other act of assembly, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, made at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty, (c) and an

(a) June, 1773, ch. 1.

(b) July, 1779, ch. 8.

(c) June, 1780, ch. 14.