

XXV. AND, to ascertain the number of inhabitants in this state, BE IT ENACTED, That every assessor appointed in virtue of the act \* for the valuation of personal property within this state, before he acts, shall take an oath, (or affirmation,) that he will diligently inquire and take a true account of the number of inhabitants in his district of each sex and every age; and every master and mistress of a family, and every person having the care of any servants and slaves, shall, (when required by the assessor,) inform him of every person in his or her family, or under his care, and on neglect or refusal shall forfeit twenty pounds current money; and the said assessors shall return to the commissioners of the tax of their county an account, signed by them, of all the inhabitants in their districts, distinguishing in columns the number of free males between sixteen and fifty years of age, the number of free males under sixteen and above fifty years of age, the number of white females between sixteen and forty years of age, the number of white females under sixteen and above forty years of age, the number of slaves under eight years of age, the number of slaves between eight and fourteen years of age, the number of male slaves between fourteen and forty-five years of age, the number of female slaves between fourteen and thirty-six years of age, the number of male slaves above forty-five years of age, and of female slaves above thirty-six years of age, and the whole number of each description, and the number of all descriptions; and the said commissioners shall send a summary list of all the inhabitants in their county, distinguished in columns as aforesaid, before the first day of September next, to the clerk of the house of delegates, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money on each commissioner in case of neglect to send such summary list as aforesaid.

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LXXXIII.  
Assessors to  
take an ac-  
count, &c.  
\* Chapter 42.

All executions for or on account of the assessment imposed by this act were suspended by 1786, ch. 21, until the first of May, 1787.

C. H. A. P. LXXXIV.

An ACT respecting executions against certain public debtors. Lib. Passed 12th of March, 1786.  
TBH. No. B. fol. 62.

WHEREAS by the act, \* entitled, An act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon, it was among other things enacted, that an indulgence should be given to the debtors of the state for confiscated property, (except on the bonds appropriated to redeem the two emissions of June, seventeen hundred and eighty,) for five years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; and to enforce the payment of interest due from the debtors aforesaid annually, on the first day of September, during the said five years, it was by the said act directed, that after six weeks notice being given in the manner mentioned in the said act, that executions should issue to compel payment of the principal and interest; and it was declared by the said act, that out of the interest paid by the debtors of the state, the creditors of the state should be paid the annual interest due them, to commence on the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six: And whereas the object and intention of the said recited act was to secure the punctual payment of the annual interest from the debtors of the state, wherewith to pay annual interest to the creditors of the state: And whereas it may be prejudicial to many of those debtors who have not paid the interest to levy the principal by way of execution, and it was the intention of the before recited act to grant an indulgence for five years for the payment of the principal;

Preamble.  
\* 1784, ch. 55.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no execution shall issue against any of the said debtors before the twentieth day of this instant, March, of which notice shall be given in the Annapolis Gazette and Baltimore Journal by the treasurer of the western shore, and after that day, the said treasurer, agreeably to the directions of the aforesaid recited act, shall order any of the said bonds on which a credit is given for five years as aforesaid, and on which one year's interest shall not be paid before that day, to be recorded by the clerk of the general court of either shore on which the obligor or obligors reside, and shall direct that executions issue thereon for one year's interest, due on the first day of September last, and if interest be not paid by the first day of September annually, the treasurer shall, every year, until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, issue executions in the same manner to compel payment of the annual interest due on such bonds; and the sheriff, or other officer, to whom such executions shall be directed, shall levy, in virtue thereof, no more than the amount of one year's interest and costs; and after the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, executions shall issue on all the said bonds to compel payment of the principal and all the interest due, and the officer shall fully obey the directions of the said execution, and upon the return of such execution the defendant shall, on motion to set it aside, be allowed to shew any matter or thing which he could have pleaded in bar of the action had it been commenced in the usual way, but the judges shall determine on the said motion the first court.

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