

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of Cecil county court for the time being shall, at some convenient time before the tenth day of April next, remove, or cause to be removed from Charles-town, all the books, rolls, papers and other records belonging to the said county court, to the Head of Elk aforesaid, and there safely deposit, keep and preserve the same in some convenient house, and the justices of the said court shall direct and cause a list of all the said records and books to be signed by the clerk of the said county, and entered upon record among the proceedings of the said court.

C H A P. XX.
Clerk to remove books, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff of Cecil county for the time being, may at any time at his pleasure remove all or any of his prisoners from the gaol at Charles-town to any gaol he may think fit at the Head of Elk aforesaid, and there, until the said new prison shall be finished, keep and detain them according to law, and at his own peril, but that the removal of them as aforesaid shall not be deemed any escape in law, whereon to charge the said sheriff.

Prisoners to be removed, &c.

C H A P. XXI.

An ACT to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

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BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all executions for or on account of public assessment, imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, * be and are hereby suspended until the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven; and all the powers and authorities given by the act imposing the said assessment, be and are hereby revived and continued so far as is necessary to finish and complete the duties required by the said act of the commissioners, or other officers therein mentioned, and that the said powers and authorities be exercised with all convenient dispatch, before the expiration of this act.

Executions suspended, &c.
* Chapter 83.

II. AND, whereas sundry certificates and sums of money have already been and may be collected on the said public assessment, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED, That the collectors of the said public assessment shall, on or before the tenth day of February next, pay into the public treasury all such certificates and sums of money as he or they shall have received, on or before the said time, on account of the said public assessment; and that every collector shall, at the time of making such payment, make oath before the treasurer, or his deputy, of the respective shores where such certificates or money shall be paid as aforesaid, which oath the said treasurers or deputy respectively are hereby authorized to administer, that said certificates and money so by him paid are the whole of the collection by him received in virtue of the said act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and that the certificates offered to be so paid, were *bonâ fide* received from, or discounted with, the persons liable to pay the said assessment on account of the same, and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such collector, or by any other person for him; and that no collector shall have a credit for any certificates suggested to be received on account of the said assessment, unless such collector shall return two lists of all the said certificates for which he shall request a credit, with their numbers, dates and sums, and the names of the persons from whom received, and make oath, (to be administered by either of the treasurers or deputy,) to be endorsed on said list, that the certificates mentioned in such list, and requested to be allowed such collector, were received on account of said public assessment, actually, really and truly, and without any deceit or fraud, in payment of the assessment due on the property in his county for the said public assessment, and from the persons named in such list, except only change, if any given on the receipt of the said certificates, in which case he gave certificates in change as far as in his power, and money only for the balance, and that such certificates were not directly or indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such collector, or by any other person for him; and in case any collector shall refuse or neglect to make such payment on or before the said tenth day of February next, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred pounds current money.

Collectors to pay certificates, &c.

III. AND IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED, If the money and certificates received by the collectors are paid into the treasury by the tenth day of February as aforesaid, that the public bonds of such collectors shall be and are hereby suspended from being put in suit until the first day of June next ensuing the passing this act.

If paid, suits to be suspended, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the treasurers of the respective shores to make diligent inquiry upon their respective shores whether the money and certificates collected are paid

Treasurers to make inquiry, &c.