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I.
Agent may af-
sign part of the
stock, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the agent of this state, appointed under the said act concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state, shall and he is hereby empowered to assign, or otherwise dispose of, a sum not exceeding eleven thousand pounds of the capital of the said bank stock belonging to this state, the produce whereof to be applied to the account of the said debt, saving to this state any just claim of contribution on or by the lands given by this state to the daughters of the said Walter Dulany, or any of them.

And compound
with the trus-
tees, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent may, with the approbation of the governor and council, compound, compromise, settle and agree, with the trustees of the said bank stock belonging to this state, or any other person or persons concerning the same, on such terms and conditions as the governor and council under all circumstances may think for the advantage of this state.

C H A P. LI.

Passed 20th of
Jan. 1787. -

An ACT for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-four and seventeen hundred and eighty-five. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 178.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petitions of sundry collectors of the taxes for the years seventeen hundred and eighty-four and seventeen hundred and eighty-five, that they could not complete their collections by reason of the shortness of the crops in the said years, and the arrearages that were due to their predecessors, and that suits have been commenced, and judgments obtained against them, and that they with their securities are liable to have executions issued against them, returnable to the general court at April and May terms next, which, if carried into effect, must inevitably ruin many of them, and their securities; and this general assembly being of opinion that relief ought to be granted;

Further time
allowed, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several collectors of the public taxes of this state for the years aforesaid be and they are hereby allowed until the twentieth day of March next to pay to the treasurers of their respective shores the amount of the several balances for which they are now liable.

Collectors in-
demnified, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collectors aforesaid are hereby indemnified and secured harmless from all interest incurred by reason of their not having paid the amount of the assessment for the years aforesaid upon the days and times prescribed by the several laws under which they were appointed, provided the said collectors shall make it appear to the treasurers of their respective shores, that the monies to be collected is due and owing from the citizens of this state, or their several deputy-collectors, and that the said collectors have not directly or indirectly received the same, or omitted to make payment after receipt thereof, and provided they shall pay into the treasuries of their respective shores all the money and certificates that they have received on account of the said taxes on or before the first day of March next.

And empower-
ed to collect,
&c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the collectors aforesaid shall have the same power and authority to collect the balances due them by distress and sale that they had the years the said balances became due, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

No interest to
be charged.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no interest shall be charged to or taken from the people by any collector for the said arrearages of taxes.

C H A P. LII.

An ACT for the more effectual relief of the securities of public debtors. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 180.

Preamble.

WHEREAS several securities of debtors to the public have alleged, that they are not well able to give bond with security, so as to avail themselves of execution allowed by law against their principals, who have had the public indulgence to pay their debts till the year seventeen hundred and ninety, on their bonds passed before the consolidating act, * and made a part of the consolidated fund; and that their principals apparently grow less able to pay their said debts, and suffer their securities to be executed for the interest, or remain liable to execution for principal and interest; to prevent therefore the ruin or well grounded uneasiness of securities,

* 1784, ch. 55.

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