

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the lease or leases aforesaid shall be signed by the clerk of said court; under the direction of the justices aforesaid, which shall be valid in law; and the said clerk shall enter a copy of all such lease or leases, and proceedings relative to the prison land aforesaid, on the land records of Dorchester county, and a reasonable compensation shall be allowed him in the county levy, by the justices aforesaid, for recording said leases and proceedings.

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Leases to be signed, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of non-compliance of the parties who purchase leases of said lands of the justices aforesaid, that the said justices and their successors shall have full power to bring suit, or suits against the delinquent purchasers, or to recover payment for the annual rents by suit, or by distress and sale of the property found on the premises.

Justices may bring suit, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all money arising from such sales and ground-rents shall go to the credit of said county in discharge of so much of the public levy of said county.

How money is to be applied.

C H A P. XXI.

A Supplement to the act \* to enable the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, and his administrator, to collect the balances due to him as collector of the tax, and as sheriff, of Frederick county. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 345.

Passed 17th of Dec. 1787.  
\* 1786, ch. 37.

WHEREAS Mountjoy Bayley, administrator, and George Mürdock, Jacob Miller, Daniel Hower and Thomas Ogle, securities, of Christopher Edelen, deceased, by their petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that they have not been able to obtain payment of the balances due to the said Christopher Edelen by virtue of the provision in the said law, because they could not employ a collector for the commission therein allowed, and were not authorised thereby to collect the said balances themselves by execution, and that a *scire facias* issued against the said securities, returnable to last October term, to recover the balance due to the state from the said Christopher for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-two, and have therefore prayed that an act may pass, authorising the treasurer to take a bond with security from the administrator aforesaid for the balance due to the state, payable according to the terms of the act relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and that on neglect of the administrator, the treasurer be empowered to receive such bond from such of the securities as shall offer the same; and that upon a bond being lodged with the treasurer, with satisfactory security, the administrator or securities, or both, who may execute such bond, may be invested with a power to collect in person, or by deputy, the balances due to the said Christopher for taxes, and as sheriff; and the said securities have further prayed, that if they should give bond as aforesaid, they also be empowered to proceed on the bond of the said Christopher to affect the balance of his estate in the hands of his administrator, liable to the claim of the said state; which being thought reasonable,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the administrator of the said Christopher Edelen, may, at any time before the first day of February next, give bond for the balance due from the said Christopher as aforesaid, with such security, in the manner and on the terms as collectors of consolidated arrearages of taxes might have given bond under the said act, relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, within the time limited by the said act; and if the said administrator shall refuse or neglect to do the same within the time limited, that then the said securities, or any or either of them, may give such bond as aforesaid at any time thereafter, and before the first day of March next, and either of such bonds given as aforesaid shall be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore, and shall be subject to the same process and proceedings as may by law be had on other bonds given for arrearages of taxes consolidated; and on such bond being given, and duly approved, and payment of all costs, all further proceedings at law on the said *scire facias* shall cease.

Administrator may give bond, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the person or persons giving such bond for the balance due as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby empowered, in person or by deputy, to receive, collect and levy, all sums of money due to the said Christopher Edelen as collector or sheriff of Frederick county, by execution or otherwise, in the same manner, and as fully and amply, as the said Christopher Edelen at any time might have received, collected, or levied the same; and there shall and may be allowed, as against the estate of the said Christopher Edelen, a commission for collection, not exceeding ten per cent. any thing in the first mentioned act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Person giving bond to collect, &c.