

collection of all arrearages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, (except the two shillings and six-penny fund tax;) and the said agent is hereby authorized and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shores for an accurate statement of all the arrearages and balances due from such collectors, and such account shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall thereupon apportion such arrearages and balances into such reasonable parts as he shall think most proper and effectual for securing the collection thereof, and shall also limit such reasonable periods for the payment of such respective parts of the said arrearages and balances as shall appear to him most proper and available to that end, and immediately thereafter he shall cause full notice of these proceedings to be given in writing to each respective collector so in arrears for the said taxes, and to his securities, and shall require them severally to pay into the treasury of the respective shores such parts of the said arrearages and balances as he shall have so apportioned, by the respective periods limited by him for the payment thereof; and if any such collector, or his securities, shall refuse or neglect to comply with the requisitions of the said agent, it shall and may be lawful for the said agent, and he is hereby authorized and required to proceed by execution, in the most effectual manner, against each and every defaulter, so as to insure the payment of all the arrearages and balances due, or such part thereof as he shall think proper, having a full regard to the circumstances of each respective case; and the said agent shall proceed, from time to time, in discharge of the duties required of him by this act, or otherwise, as he shall find most adviseable for promoting the payment and collection of the said arrearages and balances, so as the same be paid and satisfied by the said collectors on or before the first day of March, seventeen hundred and ninety-one; provided always, that the indulgence shall be so arranged that not less than eighteen thousand pounds specie shall be payable into the treasury in the year seventeen hundred and ninety.

Who shall apportion arrearages, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the service of all executions issued against any of the said collectors, on their securities, for the amount of their respective balances, or any part thereof, be and the same is hereby suspended until the first day of March next, and afterwards till the same shall be directed by the said agent, in pursuance of the powers vested in him by this act.

Service of executions suspended, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any such collector, or their securities, by virtue of any execution to be directed for this purpose, the said agent shall cause public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and, if necessary, shall purchase any property so exposed for the use of this state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearages and balances due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased; and any property so purchased for the use of this state, the said agent may again expose to public auction, on the most advantageous terms for the interest of the said state, and if the same be sold on credit, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient securities, to be approved of by the treasurers of the respective shores, from the several purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, into the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien on the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from their respective dates.

Notice to be given, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any of the collectors, or their securities, whose property was purchased by the respective agents during the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, for the use of this state, shall pay the balances or sums of money for which such property was so purchased, by any of the periods to be limited by the agent appointed by this act, such balances or sums of money shall be received by the treasurer of the respective shore, and thereupon the right and title of this state shall be re-vested in the said collectors, or his securities, as the case may be, and they shall be severally in as of their former estate, such purchase on the part of this state notwithstanding.

Right to be re-vested, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall render a fair and full account of his several proceedings under the authority of this act, to the general assembly at their next or succeeding session, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for his services, not exceeding a commission of two and one half per cent. upon all monies paid into the treasury of the western shore in virtue of his agency, to be ascertained by the discretion of the governor and council.

Agent to render a fair account, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent shall not be authorized to receive from any collector, or his securities, in virtue of this act, any certificates receivable in taxes, without an oath

And receive no certificates, &c.