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after such streets are located and continued, to cause a valuation to be made of the damage which any person or persons shall sustain by reason of the continuation of any of said streets through his, her or their lot or lots, or piece or parcel of ground, and cause the same to be recorded by their clerk; and if any proprietor or proprietors of any lot or lots, piece or parcel of ground, so as aforesaid valued, conceive him, her or themselves injured by such valuation, he, she or they shall, upon application in writing to the mayor of George-town for the time being, at any time before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety seven, be entitled to a second valuation of the injury done thereto; and the said mayor shall and he is hereby authorized and empowered to command the sheriff of George-town, immediately on such application, to summon twelve good and lawful men, not residents nor holders of real property in said Beall's addition to George-town, to appear on the premises before him on a certain day; then and there, on oath, to value and ascertain such damage, and make return thereof to him under their hands and seals, and the said mayor shall cause a record to be made of the same; and no person or persons shall have the benefit of a second valuation, unless application as aforesaid is made before the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to affect the right of any infant, *feme-covert*, or person *non compos mentis*, or beyond sea, from appealing from the first valuation, and having a second valuation according to the provisions of this act, if he, she or they, shall prosecute the same within six months after such disability shall be removed; and that demand for payment of the amount of the damage so ascertained shall be made by the respective owner or owners claiming the same, or his, her or their agent or attorney, in writing, of the mayor aforesaid, and if the damage so assessed is not paid within sixty days next after such demand made, then and in such case the respective owner or owners of any such lot or lots shall again hold and possess the said lot or lots, and be seized of his, her or their former interest and estate therein, any thing in this law to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed 24th of
Dec. 1795.

An ACT to empower Samuel Maffit, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, and Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, to collect balances due them. Lib. JG.
No. 2. fol. 291.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Samuel Maffit, late sheriff and collector of Cæcil county, and Thomas O'Bryon, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, that from certain causes they have been unable to make their collections for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four in due time, and they have prayed that a further time be allowed them to make their collections, and it appears from the special circumstances existing in their cases, reasonable and just that a further time be allowed them; therefore,

S. Maffit, &c.
may collect, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said Samuel Maffit and Thomas O'Bryon, respectively, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to collect, on or before the first day of October next, all sums of money due to them respectively, as sheriffs and collectors for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, in manner following, to wit: That the aforesaid sheriffs and collectors respectively shall, at least five days before the execution or distress of property for the arrearages aforesaid, deliver to the person or persons charged, or leave at his or her place of abode, a proved account, stating the taxes and the amount of fees due to the officers respectively, together with all payments that may have been in any manner made by such person, and the balance then due thereon, and if the person or persons owing such taxes and officers fees shall neglect or refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said Samuel Maffit and Thomas O'Bryon, respectively, to collect the same by execution or distress of property of the person or persons so refusing or neglecting, and to sell and dispose thereof, at the expiration of ten days, exclusive of the day of service and day of sale, on giving five days notice, by advertisement at the most public places of the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of sale.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That all the books of the said sheriffs and their respective deputies, in which their accounts as sheriffs and collectors are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of some person in the county town of their respective counties, to be inspected and examined by any person or persons who shall apply for the same, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his, her or their account.

Commission al-
lowed.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Samuel Maffit and Thomas O'Bryon shall have the same commission on the collection aforesaid as if their offices were still unexpired.

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