

as the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall require or direct, a list of such tract or tracts of land, lot or lots of land, and the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due, together with the name or names of the person or persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same.

C H A P. VIII.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the collector shall omit or neglect to return a list as aforesaid, upon being thereto directed, in writing, by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, for such omission or neglect he shall forfeit and pay the sum of thirty pounds current money, to be sued for and recovered by action of debt in the name of the commissioners, and to be applied to the use of said county in such manner as the justices of the levy court, or a majority of them, shall direct.

Penalty for neglect, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and they are hereby directed and required, to cause advertisements, expressing the name or names of such tract or tracts of land, or the number or numbers of such lot or lots of land, and the amount of the taxes thereon respectively due, together with the name or names of the person or persons respectively chargeable for the same, to be inserted at least once per week for and during eight weeks, in the Baltimore Telegraph, the Annapolis, Easton, George-town, and one of the Frederick-town news-papers, notifying, that unless the county charges due on the lands as aforesaid, shall be paid to the collector of Allegany county, within the space of one hundred days after the publication of the notice aforesaid is completed, the land so charged as aforesaid, or such part thereof as may be necessary to raise the sum due thereon, shall be sold to the highest bidder for the payment of the same.

Commissioners to give notice, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the said county charges shall not be paid by the day or time mentioned in such advertisements, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and they are hereby authorized and required, to direct the collector of said county, after thirty days previous notice at the court-house door, and at the most public places in the county, such tract or tracts of land, or such lot or lots of land, or such part or parcels thereof as may be sufficient to discharge the taxes thereon due, to sell to the highest bidder, and the same, when sold, to transfer by deed of bargain and sale to the purchaser thereof; provided, that nothing herein contained shall in any manner be construed to authorize or empower the said collector to sell more land than may prove sufficient to discharge the taxes and legal charges thereon due.

And direct the collectors to sell, &c.

By 1799, ch. 74, several regulations are made with respect to the said sales, and the land, (where a whole tract or lot is sold,) is directed to be re-conveyed on the owners paying within one year the purchase money, with ten per cent. on it, and all legal charges.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That nothing in this act shall affect any tract or tracts of land, lot or lots, granted to the officers or soldiers of this state, unless the same shall have been, or may hereafter be, sold or transferred by said officers or soldiers; and provided nothing herein contained shall affect the rights of persons under the impediment of infancy, coverture, insanity of mind, or actual imprisonment, or of citizens of the United States beyond seas, until twelve months after the removal of such disabilities.

Certain land not to be affected, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the third section of an act, (a) entitled, An act for the collection of the county charges in Allegany county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

A section repealed.

(a) November, 1792, ch. 66.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall continue and be in force for and during the term of three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly that may happen thereafter.

Duration.

Further continued for three years, &c. by its supplement, 1799, ch. 74.

The act of 1797, ch. 90, for the more effectual collection of the county charges does not extend to Allegany county.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 419.

Passed 30th of Dec. 1796.

C H A P. X.

An ACT for the relief of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 419.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of Anne Dent and Theodore Dent, administrators of Peter Dent, late of Charles county, deceased, that Peter Dent,

Preamble.