

C H A P. LVI.

be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of justice in this state, and before any judge, judges and justices, in all manner of suit or suits, causes, matters and demands, in as full and ample a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, in like cases may or can do, and may make, have and use, a common seal; and the same may break or alter at their pleasure.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1796.

C H A P. LVII.

An ACT to empower John Erskine and John Thomas, administrators of Richard Johns, to collect the balances due to Richard Johns as sheriff and collector of Talbot county. Lib. JG. No. 2, fol. 511.

Preamble.

WHEREAS John Erskine and John Thomas, administrators of Richard Johns, late sheriff and collector of Talbot county, deceased, by their petition to this general assembly have set forth, that there are considerable balances due to him as sheriff and collector, and pray that an act may pass, authorizing them to collect the same in the same manner as the said Richard Johns might have done while he was sheriff and collector as aforesaid, and that the administrators aforesaid shall be allowed the same commission upon the said collections as the said sheriff would have been entitled to,

J. Erskine, &c. to collect, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said John Erskine and John Thomas, or the survivor of them, be and they are hereby authorized to demand, collect and receive, all balances and sums of money which were due to the said Richard Johns at the time of his death, on account of any public assessment, county rates or officers fees as aforesaid, for the years seventeen hundred and ninety-two, ninety-three and ninety-four, at any time before the tenth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, in the same manner as the said Richard Johns could or might have done while he was sheriff and collector as aforesaid, and his several offices were unexpired; and the said John Erskine and John Thomas, or the survivor of them, also shall have full power and authority to appoint a deputy or deputies under them for the purpose of making collections as aforesaid in as full and ample a manner as the said Richard Johns could or might have done while he was sheriff or collector as aforesaid.

Proviso.

III. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said administrators, or one of them, shall, at least ten days before the execution or distress of property for the balances aforesaid, deliver to the person charged, or leave at his or her place of abode, a proved account, stating the taxes and the amount of fees, or such part thereof as may be claimed as due, together with all payments that may have been in any manner made by such person, and shall give at least five days notice, by advertisement at the most public places in the neighbourhood, of the time and place of sale, in case of such execution or distress; and provided also, that all the books of the said Richard Johns, and his deputies, in which his accounts as sheriff and collector are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of the administrators aforesaid in the town of Easton, to be inspected and examined by every person who shall apply for the same, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his or their account.

How monies are to be appropriated, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said administrators, or either of them, and they are hereby ordered and directed, to appropriate the monies that may be collected by them as aforesaid, in the first place to the payment and discharge of all such debts as the said Richard Johns owed in his capacity of sheriff or collector as aforesaid, and the balance thereof, if any, to be accounted for to the other creditors of the said Richard Johns in his individual capacity.

C H A P. LVIII.

An additional supplement to an act, (a) entitled, An act to streighten and amend the post-road from Havre-de-Grace to Baltimore-town. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 513.

(a) April, 1787, ch. 29.

Preamble.

WHEREAS no measures have been heretofore adopted to erect a bridge over the Great Falls of Gunpowder, as contemplated by the act to which this is an additional supplement, and the payment of damages to the persons over whose property the road has been laid out and opened has been thereby delayed; And whereas the vacancies occasioned by the death of Messieurs Griffith and Smith,