

the allowance so ascertained, and shall insist for a valuation by jury, then should the valuation of a jury not exceed the valuation so as before made, the person or persons, so claiming damages, shall pay the expence of such valuation by jury, and the sheriff may and shall, when the case requires it, compel payment thereof by distress and sale; and said commissioners shall each be allowed a sum not exceeding ten shillings for each day he shall be employed in said valuation of damages, to be paid out of the monies levied for the use of the public roads.

C H A P. LX.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no supervisor of any public road in Talbot county shall at any time proceed to work and labour on any public road with a less number of able bodied labourers than ten, unless it be for the purpose of repairing a bridge, removing some fallen tree or trees, or other obstruction, under the penalty of forfeiting his own wages for the time that a less number of hands shall be employed, and to be deducted out of his allowance by the levy court, unless it be for the purpose of removing the obstructions aforesaid, of which he shall render a fair account to the levy court aforesaid, and be by them allowed such sum or sums as they may judge right and reasonable.

Supervisors not to act with less than ten labourers, &c.

C H A P. LXI.

An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 517.

Passed 31st of Dec. 1796.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Marbury be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

An agent appointed, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent superintend the 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; and the said agent is hereby authorised and required to call upon the treasurers of the respective shores for an accurate statement of all arrearages and balances due from such collectors, and such account shall be furnished by the said treasurers accordingly.

To superintend the collection of arrearages, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent be authorised to superintend the collection of all balances due to the state on the auditor's books or on open account; and the said agent shall have power to require payment of, and, if necessary, to sue for and recover the same; and the said agent, with the approbation of the governor and council, may make composition with any such debtors, and take bonds to the state, with sufficient security, and give time for payment, not exceeding two years from the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven.

Of balances on the auditor's books, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said agent be authorised to superintend the collection of all monies due to the state for naval duties, fines, penalties, forfeitures and amerciaments, and forfeited recognizances, and for ordinary, retailers and marriage licences, and to require payment, and (if necessary) sue for and recover the same; and the said agent may allow for insolvencies, and credit any money that the party is not chargeable with by law, and, for his information of the law, he may take advice of the attorney-general in writing.

And all monies due for duties, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That whenever there shall be occasion to expose to public sale the property of any collector, or his securities, by virtue of any execution already issued, or to be directed for this purpose, the agent shall cause public notice to be given of such sale, and shall attend the same, and if it shall appear that there is danger of losing any part of the debt due to the state, and not otherwise, shall purchase any property so exposed to sale for the use of the state, in payment, or part payment, as the case may be, of the arrearages due by the collectors whose property may be so purchased, and that no purchase authorised by this act shall be considered as made on the part of the state, unless a public declaration to that effect be made by the said agent or his deputy immediately after such sale and purchase; and any property so purchased for the use of the state, the said agent may again expose to public auction, on the most advantageous terms for the use of the state, and, if the same be sold on credit, which shall in no case exceed the term of two years, the said agent shall take bond, with good and sufficient security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, from the purchasers of such property, and all bonds by him so taken shall be deposited, with an accurate list thereof subscribed by him, in the treasury of the western shore, and shall be a lien upon the real property of such purchasers, and their securities, from the respective dates, or so much thereof as is mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed.

Notice to be given of sales, &c.

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