

C H A P. XXI. lowed to be discounted and retained by such Collector, to the Treasurer of his Shore, on or before the twenty-fifth Day of *December* next, and annually, on or before the same Day, during the Continuance of this Act; and upon Failure in Payment by any Collector, the Treasurer of his Shore shall annually, on or before the first Day of February, obtain a Copy of his Bond, and file the same in the General Court, and thereupon *Scire Facias* shall issue against such Collector and his Sureties, in the same Manner as on Bonds to the Loan-Office, and similar Proceedings shall be had to compel Payment of the Money due, with Interest of six *per Cent.* from the Day appointed by this Act for Payment.

Collectors to enter into Bond, &c.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That before the said Collectors shall execute any Part of their Duty under this Act, they shall each of them enter into Bond, before two Justices of the Peace of their respective County, or one Judge of the General Court, with good and sufficient Securities, such as the said two Justices or Judge shall approve, in the Sum of six thousand Pounds current Money, with Condition, "that if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute and perform the several Duties required of him by the Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to assess and impose an equal Tax on all Property within this State," and shall well and truly pay to the Treasurer of his Shore, the several Sums of Money which he shall receive and be answerable for in Virtue of the same Act, at such Time as by the said Act is directed, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, then the above Obligation to be void, else to remain in full Force and Virtue:" And the said two Justices of the Peace, or Judge, shall immediately cause the said Bond to be proved before them, or him, by the Witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith indorse the Probate on the Back thereof, and transmit the said Bond to the Clerk of the General Court, who shall immediately record the same Bond and Indorsement aforesaid, and after Entry thereof upon Record, the said Clerk shall deliver the original Bond to the Register of the Chancery Court, to be by him safely kept in the Chancery Office; and an attested Copy of the said Bond and Probate from the said Records, shall be as good Evidence in Law, to maintain an Action of Debt for the Breach of the Condition thereof, as if the said Bond or Bonds were actually produced and proved in Court.

Collectors to lay before the Commissioners annually an Account of their Collections, &c.

XXX. And be it enacted, That each of the said Collectors shall annually appear at the Place of holding the County Court for his County, on the first Day of the Court to be held for their County in the Month of *November*, and then and there lay before the Commissioners for his County, a fair, clear, and regular Account of his Collection of the Pound Rate imposed by this Act, under the Penalty of five hundred Pounds current Money; and the said Commissioners shall appear at the same Time and Place, under the Penalty of two hundred Pounds current Money on each Commissioner not appearing, unless prevented by Sickness or other unavoidable Accident, and they shall immediately proceed with the Collector to settle and adjust his said Account, and shall upon such Settlement, allow to the said Collector a Commission of two and a Half *per Cent.* on the Whole by him collected, or for which they shall judge him to be answerable, and shall not allow him any Deductions of any Part of the said Sums mentioned in the said Certificates