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VII.

the thirtieth day of August next, under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money for each commissioner.

Collectors
may collect
the pound
rate by dis-
tress, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the respective collectors may and shall, at any time after the twentieth day of September next, collect the said pound rate by distress and sale of any goods or chattels within his county, the property of any person assessed, of which sale five days notice, excluding the day of notice and sale, shall be given, and by distress and sale of any goods or chattels found on the land of any person assessed, of which the same notice shall be given, and if no effects can be found on the land, the owner thereof shall be liable for the pound rate so assessed, and the land shall be chargeable for the payment thereof, with six per cent. interest thereon, from the day appointed by this act for payment, in the hands of any purchaser, and any goods at any time found on the premises shall be liable to distress and sale for payment thereof; and the respective collectors shall pay the whole amount of the assessment and pound rate on all the real and personal property within his county, after deducting thereout the sums by this act allowed to be discounted and retained by such collector, to the treasurer of his shore, on or before the twentieth day of November next, and upon failure in payment by any collector, the treasurer of his shore shall, on or before the tenth day of December next, 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 fifteen per cent. from the day appointed by this act for payment.

Collectors to
enter into
bond, &c.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That before the said collectors shall execute any part of their duty under this act, they shall each of them, under the penalty of five hundred pounds, 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 double the sum to be collected, 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 raise the supplies for the current year, 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 by the witnesses thereto, and shall forthwith endorse the probate on the back thereof, and transmit the said bond to the clerk of the county court, who shall record the same with the endorsement thereof, and transmit it to the clerk of the general court, who shall immediately record the same bond and endorsement aforesaid, and after entry thereon 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.

XXVIII. And