

of any one new bridge in their county, exceeding two hundred pounds like money.

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IV. And be it enacted, That any person chargeable with any county assessment may pay and discharge the same in silver or gold, or paper money, at the same rate or value he is or may be enabled by law to pay or discharge his public assessment.

Persons may pay in silver, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any collector shall proceed to the sale of any goods or chattels, to enforce the payment of the county charge, he shall be entitled to receive the same fees as are or shall be established by law on the service of executions.

Collector to receive the same fees as on executions, &c.

VI. And, To enable the justices of the county courts to settle and assess the expences of their counties for the year seventeen hundred and eighty,

VII. Be it enacted, That the justices of the several county courts, or any three or more of them, be authorized and required to meet at the place of holding the court for their county, on the twentieth day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, to adjust the expences of their county for the preceding year in specie as aforesaid, and to impose an assessment on all the property in their county sufficient to defray such county charge, with an allowance of four per cent. for the collection thereof, agreeable to the valuation thereof made in pursuance of the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, passed this present session, and the collector of the respective counties, after the twentieth day of April next, shall collect such rate in the same manner as the public assessment is by the said law to be collected, and shall render account and pay the same to the order of their respective county courts, on or before the twentieth day of May next, and in case of default, such collector shall pay the money then due, with an interest of ten per cent. and his bond and securities shall be answerable for payment, in the same manner as for the public tax.

Justices to adjust the expences for the preceding year, &c.

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VIII. This act to continue six years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said six years.

Continuance.

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CHAP. XXVII.

An ACT to embody a number of select militia, and for immediately putting this state in a proper posture of defence. *vid Special Council 1781 May c 13 & 26*

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That twelve hundred volunteer militia at the least on the western, and eight hundred at the least on the eastern shore, be selected, armed, and disciplined, in the manner herein after mentioned; and for that end the colonel (or in case of his death or absence the lieutenant-colonel or other commanding officer) of each battalion of militia in this state, and the captain of each company not belonging to any battalion, shall, if the weather will permit, within eight days after they respectively have notice of this act, or as soon thereafter as possible, assemble

Two thousand militia to be selected, &c.

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