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respectively, on or before the fourth Tuesday in August next, to assess the several sums of money hereafter mentioned, in the manner following, to wit: The justices of Talbot shall assess and levy the sum of forty pounds, the justices of Queen-Anne's the sum of forty pounds, and the justices of Caroline the sum of eighty pounds; which said several sums of money, together with the collector's commission of four per cent. for collection, respectively, shall be assessed, levied, and collected, in the same manner other county charges for the present year shall be assessed, levied, and collected; and the said several collectors, and their sureties respectively, shall be answerable for and pay the said several and respective sums to the commissioners aforesaid, or the major part of them, or their order, at any time after the said sums of money have or ought to have been collected; and if any of the said collectors shall neglect or refuse to pay the respective assessment, the commissioners, or the major part of them, are hereby authorized and required to sue for and recover the same from such collector, or his sureties, or his or their executors or administrators respectively, in an action of trespass on the case, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant for the use of the plaintiffs.

Surviving
commissioners
to fill up va-
cancies, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That if any one of the said commissioners shall die before the work shall be finished, or shall refuse to act, the survivor or survivors shall appoint another person in his stead; and if the whole shall die or refuse to act, the justices of Caroline county for the time being shall and may, by warrant under their hands, appoint others in their stead.

Commission-
ers to render
an account,
&c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or some one of them, shall render to the county court which shall be held for the said counties respectively next after the expenditure of the said monies, a true, full, and fair account of all monies by them laid out and expended by virtue of this act.

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An A C T to procure an immediate supply of cloathing and flesh provision for the troops, and a sufficient number of horses for light horse and for carriage.

Preamble.

W H E R E A S at this time of threatened invasion, it is absolutely necessary for the security of the state, that the most speedy and effectual measures be taken for cloathing and equipping the troops raised and now raising within this state, to collect large supplies of flesh provisions, and to procure a number of good horses for light horse and for carriage:

Governor and
council to ap-
point persons
to purchase
cloathing, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council be empowered and requested to appoint one or more proper person or persons to purchase blankets and the cloathing now wanted for the complete cloathing of such of the troops of this state in the continental service as are now in this state, and for such as are now raising; but if any of the persons so appointed cannot agree with the owners of such blankets, cloathing, or goods proper to make up into such cloathing, and having the same for sale, then may he seize the