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expences for pasturing and feeding him, and settling his account with the auditor-general.

Persons may
appoint assist-
ants, &c.

XII. And be it enacted, That the several and respective persons directed to execute this act shall have full power and authority to appoint such assistants as may be necessary, and shall have full power and authority to call on all civil officers in their respective counties to aid and assist them, and all civil officers are hereby directed to give every aid and assistance to execute this act.

C H A P. VI.

An A C T for the relief of William Hopper, of Caroline county, late collector of the tax.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of William Hopper of Caroline county, that he could not complete his collection of the public assessment for the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, within the time limited by law, by reason of the difficulties he met with, whereby he has become chargeable with twenty per cent. interest: And whereas the said William Hopper hath now made full payment to the treasury of the eastern shore, as appears by said treasurer's account:

W. Hopper
indemnified,
&c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said collector be, and he is hereby, indemnified and saved harmless from any penalties incurred by reason of his not having paid the amount of the assessment on the real and personal property in his county, within the time limited by law for such payment, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. VII.

An A C T to make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Port-Tobacco parish in Charles county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS on Easter Monday last, several of the ships and barges of the enemy were up the river Patowmack, committing hostilities against the citizens of this state: And whereas the inhabitants of Port-Tobacco parish aforesaid were at that time called out as militia to defend their country from the ravages and depredations of the enemy, by which means the vestry and other inhabitants of said parish were prevented from meeting at their parish church, in order to choose two vestrymen and two churchwardens agreeable to law: And whereas sundry other parishes in the state may be under the same or similar circumstances:

Proceedings
of vestry va-
lid, &c.

II. Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the proceedings of the vestry of Port-Tobacco parish, and the proceedings of the vestries of the other parishes aforesaid, entered into since Easter Monday last, shall be as good and valid in law, as if the vestrymen and other inhabitants of the aforesaid parishes had met and acted agreeable to law on the aforesaid Easter Monday.

III. And