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county, for the year seventeen hundred and eighty, declined to act, as the inhabitants of said hundreds declared that they would oppose by force the collection of the tax: And whereas the legislature, being well satisfied of the obstinate and wicked disposition of sundry of the inhabitants of the said hundreds, in the May session, seventeen hundred and eighty, passed a law to compel the payment of taxes in said hundreds by an armed force; and this general assembly therefore, being induced to release the said collectors from the penalties they are liable to for not collecting the public taxes in the said hundreds:

Collectors in-  
demnified,  
&c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the persons nominated as collectors aforesaid be indemnified, and that the county court of Somerset have full power and authority, and are hereby directed to remit all such penalties as the persons aforesaid had incurred by their refusal to act as collectors aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT to authorize the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property to convey certain land in Wiccomico manor to several of the tenants thereof.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the petition of George Handy, Joshua Sturgis, Henry Lurton, Francis Lank, William Adams, George Dicroon, Samuel Ingersol, Rachel Chambers, Jonathan Shockey, Elijah Austin, Samuel Williams, William Williams, senior, Richard Mills, George Sockwell, Benjamin Wailes, Robert Lafield, William Butler, William Polk, and William Horley, inhabitants of Wiccomico manor, in Somerset county, that, on their application in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-one, to the commissioners of the late Lord Baltimore, particularly Robert Eden, Esquire, late governor, to purchase the respective tenements which they occupied in the said manor, the sum of twenty-five pounds currency per hundred acres was demanded by the commissioners aforesaid, which was accepted and agreed to by the tenants aforesaid; that in consequence of such agreement, a warrant issued from the revenue office, on the fourth day of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-one, empowering Arnold Elzey, the then surveyor of Somerset county, to resurvey, with the liberty of adding any contiguous vacancy, the respective tracts of the tenants, who were desirous of becoming purchasers in fee simple; that many of the tracts were actually resurveyed, but before the certificates were returned and the purchase money paid, the intelligence of the death of the late lord Baltimore arrived in this country, and the dispute which then arose respecting the right of the then province, and the revolution which has since taken place, has hitherto prevented the full execution of the agreement aforesaid; and it appearing to this general assembly, that equitable titles in the land aforesaid were acquired by the tenants aforesaid, and it being but just and reasonable that the same, on payment of the purchase money, should be confirmed to them in fee simple:

Land to be  
conveyed to  
tenants, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property,